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Pricing Supplement No. 140 Subject to Completion - dated May 22, 2006 (To prospectus dated August 10, 2004 and prospectus supplement dated August 10, 2004)

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

\$529,297,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)

CUSIP Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public(1)	Purchas Agent Discour	's	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1HC0	TBD	100%	2.0)0%	98.00%
Interest Rate Per Annum	Interes Payment Frequenc	Mat	====== ated urity ate	Surviv Optio	
6.20%	Semi-Ann	ual 0	6/15/2021		ES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series ${\tt F}$

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of June and December of each year

commencing 12/15/2006.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 06/15/2009 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

CUSIP Number	-	Price to Public(1)	Purchas Agent Discour	's	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1HD8	TBD	100%	2.50)%	97.50%
Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency	Mati	e====== ated urity ate	Surviv	
6.25%	Semi-Annua	.1 06/	06/16/2031		ES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

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Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of June and December of each year

commencing 12/15/2006.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 06/15/2011 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 05/26/2006
Issue Date: 06/01/2006

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only

Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities - Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount

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Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal
