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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 15 Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-52902 DATED: February 7, 2001

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

\$9,015,893,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

	MEDI	UM-TERN	TON N	ES, SER	RIES B			
Principal Amount: \$25,000,000		Floating Rate Note			es []	Book Entry Notes [x]		
Original Issue Date: 2/12/2001		Fixed Rate Notes [>			[x]	Certificated Notes []		
Maturity Date: 2/12/2003		CUSIP#: 073928SW4						
Option to Extend Maturity:				Final	Maturity	Date:		
Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)		Rep	ayment				
N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A			
Applicable Only to Fixed		otes:						
Interest Rate: 5.73%								

Interest Payment Dates: *

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
[] Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
[] Federal Funds Rate	<pre>Interest Reset Date(s):</pre>
[] Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period:
[] LIBOR Reuters	<pre>Interest Payment Date(s):</pre>
[] LIBOR Telerate	
[] Prime Rate	
[] CMT Rate	
Initial Interest Rate:	Interest Payment Period:

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Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

*On 12th of August, February and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.