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(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

\$10,006,693,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$100,000,000    Floating Rate Notes [x]    Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 6/11/2002    Fixed Rate Notes [ ]    Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 6/11/2004    CUSIP#: 073928XG3

Option to Extend Maturity:    No    [x]  
Yes    [ ]    Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On -----	Redemption Price(s) -----	Optional Repayment Date(s) -----	Optional Repayment Price(s) -----
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:

Interest Rate:

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 Effective Rate

[ ] Federal Funds Open Rate    Interest Reset Date(s): \*

[ ] Treasury Rate    Interest Reset Period: Monthly

[ ] LIBOR Reuters    Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.14%    Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.30%

\* On the 11th of each month prior to Maturity.

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\*\* On the 11th of each month and at Maturity.

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