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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: 3/5/2003 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

Maturity Date: 3/5/2004 CUSIP#: 073928YT4

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: Quarterly

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

[x] LIBOR Telerate

[ ] Prime Rate

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.30875% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: Three Months

Spread (plus or minus): -0.03%

<sup>\*</sup> On the 5th of March, June, September and December prior to Maturity.

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\*\* On the 5th of June, September, December and at Maturity.

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