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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: Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

\$500,000,000

Original Issue Date: Fixed Rate Notes [ ] Certificated Notes [ ]

1/15/2003

Maturity Date: 1/15/2004 CUSIP#: 073928YL1

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

Optional
Repayment
Date(s)
Price(s) Redemption Price(s) Redeemable On -----\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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Maximum Interest Rate: N/A Minimum Interest Rate: N/A Interest Rate Basis: Interest Rate Basis:
[ ] Commercial Paper Rate

[x] Prime Rate +

[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.38% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.87%

- + Prime Rate as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Bank Rates/Prime."
- On the 15th of April, July, October and at Maturity.

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