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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
May 22, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 23  
DATED: May 21, 2002  
(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
File No. 333-76894

\$10,006,693,162  
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$125,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 5/22/2002 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 5/22/2003 CUSIP#: 073928XD0  
Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On<br>----- | Redemption<br>Price(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Date(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Price(s)<br>----- |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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): Daily

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.83% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.15%

\* On the 22nd of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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