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May 30, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 24

Rule 424(b) (3)

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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: \$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 5/30/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 5/28/2004 CUSIP#: 073928XE8
Option to Extend Maturity: No 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): **
 LIBOR Telerate
 Prime Rate
 CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.06% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.22%

* On the 28th of each month prior to Maturity.

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** On the 28th 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.