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Form 424B3

May 30, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 24

DATED: May 28, 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: \$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.