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Form 424B3

January 04, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 88

Rule 424(b) (3)

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File No. 333-52902

(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

\$9,015,893,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$60,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 1/4/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 1/2/2004 CUSIP#: 073928VX8

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: 2.16% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.30%

* On the 3rd of each month prior to Maturity.

** On the 3rd of each month and on January 2, 2002.

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