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April 02, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 16

DATED: March 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: \$400,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]
Original Issue Date: 4/3/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []
Maturity Date: 4/3/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WW9
Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]
 Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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: Quarterly
[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): **
[x] LIBOR Telerate
[] Prime Rate
[] CMT Rate
Initial Interest Rate: 2.03% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly
Index Maturity: Three Months
Spread (plus or minus): N/A

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* On the 3rd of July, October and January prior to Maturity.

** On the 3rd of July, October, January and at Maturity.

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