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 Form 424B3  
 February 21, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 20  
 DATED: February 20, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b) (3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$23,000,000      Floating Rate Notes       Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 2/21/2001      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 2/21/2002      CUSIP#: 073928TB9  
 Option to Extend Maturity:      No   
    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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:	Maximum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): **
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	
INITIAL INTEREST RATE: 5.61125%	Interest Payment Period: Monthly
Index Maturity: One Month	

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.05%

\* On the 21st of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 21st 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.