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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC
Form 424B3
April 17, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 20

DATED: April 12, 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: \$80,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes
Original Issue Date: 4/17/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes
Maturity Date: 4/16/2004 CUSIP#: 073928XA6
Option to Extend Maturity: No Final Maturity Date:
 Yes

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:

Commercial Paper Rate

Federal Funds Effective Rate

Federal Funds Open Rate

Treasury Rate

LIBOR Reuters

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: Daily

Interest Payment Date(s): *

Initial Interest Rate: 2.3375%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.40%

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* On the 16th of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

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