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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 15

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: March 27, 2002

File No. 333-76894

(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

\$10,006,693,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 4/2/2002 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 4/2/2004 CUSIP#: 073928WV1

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): Daily  
 Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Daily  
 LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 2.15% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.40%

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\* On the 2nd 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.