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Form 424B3

August 21, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 70

DATED: August 16, 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: \$150,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [ ] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 8/21/2001 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 9/20/2002 CUSIP#: 073928VD2

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]  
Yes [ ] Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On | Redemption Price(s) | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----<br>N/A  | -----<br>N/A        | -----<br>N/A               | -----<br>N/A                |

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 3.775%

Interest Payment Dates: \*

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis: Maximum Interest Rate:  
[ ] Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate:  
[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate  
[ ] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s):  
[ ] Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period:  
[ ] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s):  
[ ] LIBOR Telerate  
[ ] Prime Rate  
[ ] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

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Spread (plus or minus):

\* On March 20, 2002 and at Maturity.

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