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February 27, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8

Rule 424(b)(3)

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(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: \$20,000,000 Floating Rate Notes [ ] Book Entry Notes [x]

Original Issue Date: 2/27/2002 Fixed Rate Notes [x] Certificated Notes [ ]

Maturity Date: 8/15/2013 CUSIP#: 073928WN9

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

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

Applicable Only to Fixed Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate: 0.00%

Interest Payment Date(s): N/A \*

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):

\* The principal amount of \$20,000,000 will be paid at Maturity.

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