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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
February 27, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 8  
DATED: February 22, 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: \$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 -----	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:  
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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:

- [ ] Commercial Paper Rate
- [ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate
- [ ] Federal Funds Open Rate
- [ ] Treasury Rate
- [ ] LIBOR Reuters
- [ ] LIBOR Telerate
- [ ] Prime Rate
- [ ] CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate:

Minimum Interest Rate:

Interest Reset Date(s):

Interest Reset Period:

Interest Payment Date(s):

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.