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Form 424B3

February 21, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 20  
DATED: February 20, 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: \$23,000,000    Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes   
Original Issue Date: 2/21/2001    Fixed Rate Notes     Certificated Notes   
Maturity Date: 2/21/2002    CUSIP#: 073928TB9  
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:  
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Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:  
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Interest Rate Basis:                                    Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Commercial Paper Rate                                Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Federal Funds Rate                                    Interest Reset Date(s): \*  
 Treasury Rate    Interest Reset Period: Monthly  
 LIBOR Reuters    Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*  
 LIBOR Telerate  
 Prime Rate  
 CMT Rate

INITIAL INTEREST RATE: 5.61125%                                Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.05%

\* On the 21st of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 21st of each month and at Maturity.

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