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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 April 02, 2002

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 16  
 DATED: March 28, 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: \$400,000,000    Floating Rate Notes     Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 4/3/2002    Fixed Rate Notes     Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 4/3/2003    CUSIP#: 073928WW9  
 Option to Extend Maturity:    No        [ ]    Final Maturity Date:  
                                                  Yes        [ ]

Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate	Minimum Interest Rate: N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Effective Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Open Rate	Interest Reset Date(s): *
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate	Interest Reset Period: Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s): **
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate	
<input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate	
Initial Interest Rate: 2.03%	Interest Payment Period: Quarterly
Index Maturity: Three Months	
Spread (plus or minus): N/A	

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\* On the 3rd of July, October and January prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 3rd of July, October, January and at Maturity.

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