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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:

Interest Rate:

Interest Payment Dates:

Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:

Interest Rate Basis:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): *

Interest Reset Period: Monthly

Interest Payment Date(s): **

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.