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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
April 19, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 38  
DATED: April 17, 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: \$20,000,000      Floating Rate Notes [ ]      Book Entry Notes [x]  
Original Issue Date: 4/19/2001      Fixed Rate Notes [x]      Certificated Notes [ ]  
Maturity Date: 4/19/2002      CUSIP#: 073928TV5  
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: 4.75%

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:
[ ] LIBOR Reuters	Interest Payment Date(s):
[ ] LIBOR Telerate	
[ ] Prime Rate	
[ ] CMT Rate	

Initial Interest Rate:                              Interest Payment Period:

Index Maturity:

Spread (plus or minus):

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\* On October 19, 2001 and at Maturity.

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