| BEAR STEARNS CO Form 424B3 May 30, 2002 | MPANIES INC | | | | | |
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| PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 24 DATED: May 28, 2002 (To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002) | | | | Rule 424(b)(3) File No. 333-76894 | | |
| | | | | MPANIES INC. | | |
| Principal Amount: \$15,000,000 | | | Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x] | | | |
| Original Issue Date: 5/30/2002 | | 002 Fixe | d Rate 1 | Notes [] | Certificated Notes [] | |
| Maturity Dat | e: 5/28/2004 | CUSI | P#: 0739 | 928XE8 | | |
| Option to Extend Maturity: | | | [x] []] | <pre>[x] [] Final Maturity Date:</pre> | | |
| Redeemabl | e On P | demption rice(s) | | Optional Repayment Date(s) | Optional Repayment Price(s) | |
| N/A | | N/A | | N/A | N/A | |
| Applicable O | nly to Fixed Ra | te Notes: | | | | |
| Interest Rate: | | | | | | |
| Interest Pay | ment Dates: | | | | | |
| Applicable O | nly to Floating | Rate Note: | s: | | | |
| Interest Rate Basis: | | | Maximum Interest Rate: N/A | | | |
| [] Commer | [] Commercial Paper Rate | | Minimum Interest Rate: N/A | | | |
| [] Federa | [] Federal Funds Effective Rate | | | | | |
| [] Federa | [] Federal Funds Open Rate | | <pre>Interest Reset Date(s): *</pre> | | | |
| [] Treasu | [] Treasury Rate | | Interest Reset Period: Monthly | | | |
| [] LIBOR | [] LIBOR Reuters | | Inte | erest Payment | Date(s): ** | |
| [x] LIBOR | [x] LIBOR Telerate | | | | | |
| [] Prime | [] Prime Rate | | | | | |
| [] CMT Ra | [] CMT Rate | | | | | |
| Initial Interest Rate: 2.06% | | | Inte | erest Payment | Period: Monthly | |
| Index Maturi | ty: One Month | | | | | |
| Spread (plus | Spread (plus or minus): +0.22% | | | | | |
| * On the | 28th of each m | onth prior | to Matı | urity. | | |

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** On the 28th of each month and at Maturity.

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