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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
 Form 424B3  
 April 22, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 71  
 DATED: April 15, 2003  
 (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: \$100,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 4/21/2003 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 4/21/2006 CUSIP#: 073928ZF3  
 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: Maximum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Commercial Paper Rate Minimum Interest Rate: N/A  
 Federal Funds Effective Rate  
 Federal Funds Open 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: 1.54938% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: One Month

Spread (plus or minus): +0.22%

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

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\*\* 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.