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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
April 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 70

Rule 424(b)(3)

DATED: April 10, 2003

File No. 333-76894

(To Prospectus dated January 25, 2002,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 25, 2002)

\$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: 4/15/2003 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 4/15/2005 CUSIP#: 073928ZE6

Option to Extend Maturity: No   
Yes  Final Maturity Date:

| Redeemable On<br>----- | Redemption<br>Price(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Date(s)<br>----- | Optional<br>Repayment<br>Price(s)<br>----- |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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

Commercial Paper Rate

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Federal Funds Effective Rate

Federal Funds Open Rate

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Treasury Rate

Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.625%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.25%

\* On the 15th of each July, October, January and April, including the maturity date.

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