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BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC  
Form 424B3  
January 15, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 51  
DATED: January 14, 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: \$200,000,000      Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 1/15/2003      Fixed Rate Notes       Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 1/15/2004      CUSIP#: 073928YK3

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): Daily

Treasury Rate      Interest Reset Period: Daily

LIBOR Reuters      Interest Payment Date(s): \*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.4325%      Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.12%

\* On the 15th 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.