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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 71

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(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

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File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: \$80,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 9/12/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 12/12/2003 CUSIP#: 073928VE0

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:  
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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): \*

Treasury Rate Interest Reset Period: Monthly

LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): \*\*

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: To be determined Interest Payment Period: Monthly  
on 9/10/2001

Index Maturity: One Month

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.25%

\* On the 12th of each month prior to Maturity.

\*\* On the 12th of each month, including the maturity date.

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