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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 31

Rule 424(b) (3)

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(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: \$300,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 8/23/2002 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 8/25/2003 CUSIP#: 073928XM0

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): *

LIBOR Telerate

Prime Rate +

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.86% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): -2.89%

+ Prime Rate as reported on Telerate Page 5 under the heading "Bank

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Rates/Prime."

* 11/25/02, 2/25/03, 5/25/03 and 8/25/03

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