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 Form 424B3  
 April 02, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 31A  
 DATED: March 28, 2001  
 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,  
 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

Rule 424(b)(3)  
 File No. 333-52902

\$9,015,893,162  
 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.  
 Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$25,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 4/2/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 4/2/2002 CUSIP#: 073928TN3  
 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:

- Commercial Paper Rate
- Federal Funds Rate
- Treasury Rate
- LIBOR Reuters
- LIBOR Telerate
- Prime Rate
- CMT Rate

Maximum Interest Rate: N/A

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: Daily

Interest Payment Date(s): \*

Initial Interest Rate: 5.47%

Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): + 0.18%

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\* On the 2nd of July, October, January and at Maturity.

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