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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 92 Rule 424(b)(3) DATED: January 14, 2002 File No. 333-52902 (To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001,

and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

\$9,015,893,162 THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B

Principal Amount: Floating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]

\$100,000,000

Original Issue Date: Fixed Rate Notes [] Certificated Notes []

1/16/2002

Maturity Date: 1/16/2003 CUSIP#: 073928WB5

Option to Extend Maturity: No [x]

Yes [] Final Maturity Date:

Minimum Interest Rate: N/A

Redeemable On Price(s) Date(s) Price(s) Price(s) Optional Optional 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

[x] Federal Funds Effective Rate

[] Commercial Paper Rate

[] Federal Funds Open Rate Interest Reset Date(s): Daily

Interest Reset Period: Daily [] Treasury Rate

[] LIBOR Reuters Interest Payment Date(s): *

[] LIBOR Telerate

[] Prime Rate

[] CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.90% Interest Payment Period: Monthly

Index Maturity: N/A

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.15%

* On the 16th 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.