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 Form 424B3  
 May 22, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 47 Rule 424(b)(3)  
 DATED: May 18, 2001 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: \$35,000,000 Floating Rate Notes  Book Entry Notes   
 Original Issue Date: 5/22/2001 Fixed Rate Notes  Certificated Notes   
 Maturity Date: 5/22/2002 CUSIP#: 073928UE1  
 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         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate         | Minimum Interest Rate: N/A         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate | Interest Reset Date(s): Daily      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate                 | Interest Reset Period: Daily       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Reuters                 | Interest Payment Date(s): *        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIBOR Telerate                |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate                    |                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate                      |                                    |
| Initial Interest Rate: 4.20%                           | Interest Payment Period: Quarterly |
| Index Maturity: N/A                                    |                                    |

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.20%

\* On the 22nd of August, November, February and at Maturity.

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