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September 09, 2003

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 23

DATED: September 4, 2003

(To Prospectus dated April 24, 2003,
and Prospectus Supplement dated April 24, 2003)

Rule 424(b) (3)

File No. 333-104455

\$10,227,293,162

THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.

Medium-Term Notes, Series B

Principal Amount: \$75,000,000 Floating Rate Notes Book Entry Notes

Original Issue Date: 9/9/2003 Fixed Rate Notes Certificated Notes

Maturity Date: 9/9/2005 CUSIP#: 073928B36

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): *

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Prime Rate

CMT Rate

Initial Interest Rate: 1.23% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

Index Maturity: N/A

Spread (plus or minus): +0.23%

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* On the 9th of each December, March, June and September, including the maturity date.

At May 31, 2003:

- o the Company had outstanding (on an unconsolidated basis) approximately \$39.8 billion of debt and other obligations, including approximately \$36.7 billion of unsecured senior debt and \$2.5 billion of unsecured inter-company debt; and
- o subsidiaries of the Company had outstanding (after elimination of inter-company items) approximately \$163.9 billion of debt and other obligations (including \$45.5 billion related to securities sold under repurchase agreements, \$60.7 billion related to payables to customers, \$29.2 billion related to financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and \$28.5 billion of other liabilities, including \$15.9 billion of debt).

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