BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC Form 424B3 June 23, 2003						
PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 16 DATED: June 17, 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: \$100,00	Principal Amount: \$100,000,000 Float		ating Rate Notes [x] Book Entry Notes [x]			
Original Issue Date: 6/2	0/2003 H	Fixed Rate	Notes [ ]	Certificated Notes [ ]		
Maturity Date: 6/20/2005	Maturity Date: 6/20/2005 CUSIP#		3928A29			
Option to Extend Maturity		No [x] Yes []	Final Maturi	ty Date:		
Redeemable On	Redemptic Price(s)	)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Repayment Price(s)		
N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		
Applicable Only to Fixed	Rate Note	es:				
Interest Rate:						
Interest Payment Dates:						
Applicable Only to Floating Rate Notes:						
Interest Rate Basis:	Interest Rate Basis:		Maximum Interest Rate: N/A			
[ ] Commercial Paper Ra	[ ] Commercial Paper Rate		Minimum Interest Rate: N/A			
[ ] Federal Funds Effective Rate						
[ ] Federal Funds Open	[ ] Federal Funds Open Rate			<pre>Interest Reset Date(s): *</pre>		
[] Treasury Rate	[ ] Treasury Rate		Interest Reset Period: Quarterly			
[ ] LIBOR Reuters	[ ] LIBOR Reuters		<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): **</pre>			
[x] LIBOR Telerate						
[] Prime Rate						
[] CMT Rate						
Initial Interest Rate: 1.215% I			erest Payment	Period: Quarterly		
Index Maturity: Three Mo	onths					
Spread (plus or minus):	+0.15%					

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- \* On the 20th of each September, December, March and June prior to Maturity.
- \*\* On the 20th of each September, December, March and June, including the maturity date.

At February 28, 2003:

- o the Company had outstanding (on an unconsolidated basis) approximately \$37.4 billion of debt and other obligations, including approximately \$34.3 billion of unsecured senior debt and \$2.6 billion of unsecured inter-company debt; and
- o subsidiaries of the Company had outstanding (after elimination of inter-company items) approximately \$145.5 billion of debt and other obligations (including \$47.9 billion related to securities sold under repurchase agreements, \$52.9 billion related to payables to customers, \$26.4 billion related to financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, and \$18.3 billion of other liabilities, including \$13.6 billion of debt).

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