



## **Brown & Brown, Inc. Announces the Asset Acquisition of Andersen Group, Ltd.**

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DAYTONA BEACH and TAMPA, Fla., May 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- J. Scott Penny, Regional Executive Vice President of Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO), and John P. Andersen, President of Andersen Group, Ltd., of Hinsdale, Illinois, today announced the asset acquisition of Andersen Group, Ltd. by Brown & Brown, Inc. The transaction is effective May 1, 2002.

Andersen Group, Ltd., with annualized revenues of approximately \$3.5 million, is a commercial property and casualty insurance agency and is considered to be one of the premier agencies serving the solid and liquid waste industry. Mr. Andersen and his staff will continue to operate under the Andersen Group name from their current location, as a freestanding Brown & Brown operation.

Mr. Penny, who is responsible for Brown & Brown's operations in the upper Mid-West United States, said, "We are extremely pleased to have John and his team of insurance specialists join our expanding Mid-West presence. Their addition represents our initial entry into Illinois, and particularly the greater Chicago area. They bring us broadened expertise, as well as the opportunities associated with entry into new markets."

Brown & Brown, Inc. and its subsidiaries provide a broad range of insurance and reinsurance products and services, as well as risk management, employee benefit administration, and managed health care services through offices located across the United States. The company is ranked by Business Insurance magazine as the nation's eighth largest independent insurance intermediary organization. Our Web address is [www.bbinsurance.com](http://www.bbinsurance.com).

This press release may contain certain statements relating to future results which are forward-looking statements. These statements are not historical facts, but instead represent only the Company's belief regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. It is possible that the Company's actual results and financial condition may differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results and financial condition indicated in these forward-looking statements. Further information concerning the Company and its business, including factors that potentially could materially affect the Company's financial results, are contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Some factors include: general economic conditions around the country; downward commercial property and casualty premium pressures; the competitive environment; the integration of the Company's operations with those of businesses or assets the Company has acquired or may acquire in the future and the failure to realize the expected benefits of such integration; and the potential occurrence of a disaster that affects certain areas of the States of Arizona, Florida and/or New York, where significant portions of the Company's business are concentrated. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are made only as of the date of this press release, and we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur or of which we hereafter become aware.

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