FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^{\star}$ KIRK KENNETH D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BROWN & BROWN INC [ BRO ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2800 N CENTRAL AVE STE 1600						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/26/2008									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Regional President					
(Street) PHOENIX AZ 85004					-   4. I -	Line) X Form Form								Form fi	Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable filed by One Reporting Person filed by More than One Reporting n					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Date				2. Transa	ction	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transa Code (1 8)	ction	4. Securit	ies Acquire Of (D) (Inst	d (A) or	5. Amount of		of /	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, \$.10 par value				12/26/2008					S		10,000	) D	\$20	0	905,007		]	[	Irrevocable Trust w/ Spouse	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value				12/29/2008					S		31,498	3 D	\$20.3	18	873,5	09	I		Irrevocable Trust w/ Spouse	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value															290,018(1)		D			
Common Stock, \$.10 par value															14,501				401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ive Conversion Date Executi y or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	on Date, Tran Cod		saction of Der Sec Acc (A) Dis of (		rative rities ired r osed )	. Date Exercisal xpiration Date Month/Day/Year		9	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	r						
Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>	\$15.78								01/01/20	07	03/23/2013	Common Stock	100,72	28		100,	,728	D		
Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>	\$15.78								03/22/20	13	03/23/2013	Common Stock	12,67	72		12,	672	D		
Stock Options <sup>(3)</sup>	\$18.48								11/26/20	17	02/26/2018	Common Stock	115,00	00		115,	,000	D <sup>(4)</sup>		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These securities were granted at various dates pursuant to the Company's Stock Performance Plan. Based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to that Plan, the Reporting Person has voting rights and dividend entitlement with respect to a portion of these shares, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- 2. Based upon information supplied on 12/24/2008 by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares may vary periodicaly based on contributions to plan.
- 3. Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- 4. These options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17 unless accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

KENNETH D. KIRK

12/20/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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