

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HENDERSON JIM W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE</u>  (Street) <u>DAYTONA FL 32114</u> <u>BEACH</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BROWN &amp; BROWN INC [ BRO ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice Chairman and COO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/17/2008</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/17/2008		G	V	3,000	D	\$0	17,990	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								593,909	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								250,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								305,283 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	\$15.78							01/22/2008	03/24/2013	Common Stock		6,336	D	
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Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	\$18.48							11/26/2017 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock		200,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares are owned jointly with spouse.
- Number of shares may vary periodically based on contributions to plan.
- These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan. The recipient has voting rights and dividend entitlement with respect to a portion of these shares based on satisfaction of certain performance-based conditions, however, full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- These options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17, unless vesting is accelerated based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

LAUREL L. GRAMMIG FOR  
JIM W HENDERSON PER 12/17/2008  
POWER OF ATTORNEY

\*\* 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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