

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BROWN J POWELL</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE (Street) DAYTONA FL 32114 BEACH (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BROWN & 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) President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2008	
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	12/04/2008		G	V	1,260	A	\$0	979,669 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								114,832	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								3,413	I	Children ⁽³⁾
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								13,682	I	401(k) Plan ⁽⁴⁾

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 ⁽⁵⁾	\$4.8359							04/21/2004	04/20/2010	Common Stock	20,680	20,680	D	
Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾	\$4.8359							04/21/2005	04/20/2010	Common Stock	20,680	20,680	D	
Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾	\$4.8359							04/21/2006	04/20/2010	Common Stock	17,960	17,960	D	
Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾	\$15.78							03/22/2013	03/23/2013	Common Stock	50,000	50,000	D	
Stock Options ⁽⁵⁾	\$18.48							11/26/2017 ⁽⁶⁾	02/26/2018	Common Stock	175,000	175,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This total includes 1,674 shares obtained through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in August 2008. Number of shares may vary due to dividend reinvestment.
- 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.
- Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities owned by children who share reporting person's household. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- Based upon information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
- 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 satisfaction of certain performance-based conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

J POWELL BROWN 12/23/2008
 ** 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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