FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES | S IN BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RILEY THOMAS E</u> |   |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BROWN & BROWN INC [ BRO ] |   |   |   |                  |  |               |  |  |                | ck all applic<br>Directo | r   |  | 10% Ow  | ner  |  |           |
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| (Street) DAYTO   | H   | L  | 32114  | 4.  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |   |                  |  |               |  |  |                | Line)                    | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Appl<br>Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |  |  |           |
| (City)   | (S  | State)                                     | (Zip)  |   |   |   |   |                  |  |               |  |  |                |                          |   | 1 01301  |   |  |  |           |
|  |   | Ta   | ble I - No   | n-Deri  | ivativ  | /e Se   | curi  | ties A           | \cq  | uired,        | Dis  | posed  | of, or         | Bene                     | eficially   | Owned  |   |  |  |           |
|  |   |  | 2. Tran<br>Date<br>(Month                          |   | ear)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                  | Code (Instr.   |               | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |                |                          | Beneficia<br>Owned F  | s<br>ally<br>ollowing  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |           |
|  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                  |  | Code          | v  | Amour  | nt (           | A) or<br>D)              | Price   | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a  | ion(s)  |  | 1  | Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value                                  |   |  |  | 12/3  | 30/201  | /2010   |   | M                |  | 5,4           | 11   | A  | \$18.48        | 370                      | ,049  | ]  | D <sup>(1)</sup>  |  |  |           |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value                                  |   |  | 12/3   | 31/20   | 2010  |   |   | F <sup>(2)</sup> |  | 40,0          | 000  | D  | \$24.12        | 180                      | ,293  | ]  | D <sup>(3)</sup>  |  |  |           |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value                                  |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                  |  |               |  |  |                | 3,620                    |   |  | I S   | Spouse <sup>(4)</sup>  |  |           |
|  |   |  | Table II -   |   |   |   |   |                  |  |               |  |  | of, or E       |                          |   | Owned  |   |  |  |           |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution D<br>if any<br>(Month/Day) | Code  |   |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                  | 6. Date Exercisab<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |               | le and   | 7. Title and Amour<br>Securities Underly<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                | lerlying<br>urity        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly C  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |           |
|  |   |  |  |   | Code  | v   | (A)   | (D)              | Date<br>Exe  | e<br>rcisable | Expi<br>Date   | oiration<br>e  | Title          | Nur                      | ount or<br>mber of<br>ares  |  |   |  |  |           |
| Stock<br>Options <sup>(5)</sup>                                | \$15.78   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                  | 03/  | 22/2013       | 03/2   | 23/2013  | Commo<br>Stock | n 18                     | 30,762  |  | 180,76  | 2  | D  |           |
| Stock<br>Options <sup>(5)</sup>                                | \$18.48   | 12/30/2010                                 |  | $\Box$  | M   |   |   | 5,411            | 11/  | 11/2010       | 02/2   | 26/2018  | Commo<br>Stock | n 3                      | 8,000   | \$18.48  | 32,589  | ,  | D  |           |
| Stock  | \$18.48   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                  | 11/:   | 26/2017       | 02/2   | 26/2018  | Commo          | n 15                     | 2,000 <sup>(6)</sup>  |  | 152,000   | 0  | D  |           |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Number of shares may reflect reinvested dividends.
- 2. Shares were withheld by the Company solely to cover the income tax withholding requirements associated with the vesting of 120,000 shares of restricted stock under the Company's Performance Stock Plan ("PSP").
- 3. These securities were granted pursuant to the Issuer's Performance Stock Plan (the "PSP"). Based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the PSP, the Reporting Person has voting rights and dividend entitlement with respect to a portion of these shares based on the satisfaction of certain performance-based criteria, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- 4. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in shares owned by Spouse of Reporting Person.
- 5. Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- 6. These options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17 unless vesting is accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

THOMAS E. RILEY 01/04/2011

\*\* 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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