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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DOWNES LINDA S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE</u> (Street) <u>DAYTONA BEACH FL 32114</u> (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/17/2008</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	6,468	D	\$0	409,280 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								266,650 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value								38,774	I	401(k) Plan ⁽³⁾

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 ⁽⁴⁾	\$15.78							03/23/2013	03/24/2013	Common Stock		108,226	D	
Stock Options ⁽⁴⁾	\$18.48							11/26/2017	02/26/2018	Common Stock		110,000 ⁽⁵⁾	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. Based on the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to that Plan, the reporting person has voting rights and dividend entitlements with respect to a portion of these shares, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- Based upon information supplied as of 12/18/08 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 accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

LINDA S. DOWNES 12/18/2008
 ** 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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