

BROWN J POWELL  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN J POWELL**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE  
(Street)

DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/04/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   | 12/04/2008                           |  | G                              | V 1,260 A \$ 0  | 979,669 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   |                                      |  |                                |   | 114,832   | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |                                   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,413   | I  | Children <sup>(3)</sup>           |
| Common Stock, \$.10             |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,682  | I  | 401(k) Plan <sup>(4)</sup>        |

par value

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options<br>(5)                       | \$ 4.8359  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/21/2004 04/20/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 20,680                        |
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| Stock Options<br>(5)                       | \$ 4.8359  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/21/2006 04/20/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 17,960                        |
| Stock Options<br>(5)                       | \$ 15.78   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/22/2013 03/23/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 50,000                        |
| Stock Options<br>(5)                       | \$ 18.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/26/2017 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/26/2018                     | Common Stock  | 175,000                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| BROWN J POWELL<br>220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE<br>DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114 | X             |           | President |       |

## Signatures

J POWELL  
BROWN

12/23/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 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.
  - (2) 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.
  - (3) Based upon information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
  - (4) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
  - (5) 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.
  - (6)

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