BROWN & BROWN INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Report DOWNS LINDA S	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(eneck an applicable)			
		(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE		02/27/2008	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DAYTONA BEACH, FL	32114		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	equired, 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. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	posed	of	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)	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	02/27/2008		A	43,290	A	\$ 0	266,650	I	Stock Performance Plan (1)	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value							369,207	D		
Common Stock, \$.10 par value							38,443	I	401(k) Plan	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of ((Instr. 3, 4, ar 5)	or D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 4.836						04/21/2004	04/20/2010	Common Stock	20,680
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Stock Options	\$ 15.78						03/23/2013	03/24/2013	Common Stock	108,220
Stock Options	\$ 18.48	02/27/2008		A	110,000		11/26/2017	02/26/2018	Common Stock	110,000 (4)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Other Director 10% Owner Officer

DOWNS LINDA S 220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114

Executive Vice President

Signatures

LINDA S 02/28/2008 **DOWNS**

Date

2 Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Performance Plan. Based on the satisfaction of conditions established (1) pursuant to that Plan, the reporting person has voting rights and dividend entitlements with respect to a portion of these shares, but full ownerhship will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- (2) Based upon information supplied as of 2/26/08 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").
- (4) These options vest and become exercisable on 11/26/17 unless accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

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