

BROWN & BROWN INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DOWNS LINDA S

(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)

12/26/2007

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)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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 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   | 12/26/2007                           |  | G                              | V 6,200 D \$ 0  | 369,207 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   |                                      |  |                                |   | 30,674  | I  | 401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>                            |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value   |                                      |  |                                |   | 227,360   | I  | Stock Performance Plan <sup>(3)</sup>                 |

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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. 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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options <u>(4)</u>                   | \$ 4.836   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/21/2004   | 04/20/2010  | Common Stock                   | 20,680                     |
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| Stock Options <u>(4)</u>                   | \$ 15.78   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/23/2013   | 03/24/2013  | Common Stock                   | 108,226 <u>(5)</u>         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| DOWNS LINDA S<br>220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE<br>DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

LINDA S.  
DOWNS

12/26/2007

\*\*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) A portion of these shares were acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Number of shares may reflect reinvested dividends.
- (2) These securities were acquired on a periodic basis pursuant to an employee benefit plan. Amounts shown are based on information as of December 18, 2007.  
  
These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Performance Plan. Until the satisfaction of conditions contained in that
- (3) Plan, the recipient has neither voting rights nor dividend entitlement with respect to a portion of these shares, and full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- (4) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). Consideration for granted options is grantee's performance and continued service with Company as specified in the Plan.
- (5) These options vest and become exercisable on 3/23/13, unless accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

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