

Masters Kenneth R
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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 *
 Masters Kenneth R

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)
 681 S PARKER ST STE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2011

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

Regional Executive VP

(Street)
 ORANGE, CA 92868

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | 01/18/2011 | | A | | 50,127 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | | | | | 52,125 | (2) | |
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | | | | | 10,758 | (3) | |
| Common Stock, \$.10 | | | | | 86 | I | Owned by Spouse (4) |

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. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Options (5) | \$ 18.48 | | | | | 11/26/2017 02/26/2018 | Common Stock | 75,000 (6) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Masters Kenneth R 681 S PARKER ST STE 200 ORANGE, CA 92868 | | | Regional Executive VP | |

Signatures

LAUREL L. GRAMMIG FOR KENNETH R. MASTERS PER POWER OF ATTORNEY
 Date: 01/20/2011
 **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).
- (1) These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan ("SIP"). Full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of performance-based conditions established in connection with this grant.
- (2)

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These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's Performance Stock Plan ("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.

- (3) A total of 1,502 of these shares were acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan in August 2010. Number of shares may reflect reinvested dividends.
- (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 accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan.

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