BROWN J POWELL

Form 4

December 27, 2010 **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROWN J POWELL** Issuer Symbol BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE 12/22/2010 below) President and CEO (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common Stock, \$.10 12/22/2010 $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}$ G V 1,632 D \$0 1,042,960 par value

Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/22/2010	G	V	1,632	A	\$0	5,045	I	
Common Stock, \$.10 par value							321,872 (3)	D	
Common Stock, \$.10							187,040 (4)	D	

Children (2)

par value

Common

401(k) I Stock, \$.10 14,235 Plan (5) 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. DiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		88 II SS (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 15.78					03/22/2013	03/23/2013	Common Stock	50,000	
Stock Options	\$ 18.48					11/26/2017(7)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	175,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of their remains a remained	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BROWN J POWELL							
220 S RIDGEWOOD AVE	X		President and CEO				
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114							

Signatures

LAUREL L. GRAMMIG PER POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR J. POWELL **BROWN**

12/27/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

2 Reporting Owners

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- * 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) Number of shares may vary due to dividend reinvestment.
- Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities owned by children who share reporting person's household. This report

 (2) 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.
- 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.
- (4) These securities were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan ("SIP"). Full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of conditions established in connection with this grant.
- (5) Based upon information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper. Number of shares varies periodically based on contributions to plan.
- (6) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").
- 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.

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