FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  THOMSON ROGER F      |                                     |           |           |  |        | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [ EAT ] |  |             |        |   |                       |  |        | (Check all a<br>Dir   |  | olicable)<br>ctor                     |   | Owner   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--------|---|--|-------------|--------|---|-----------------------|--|--------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6820 LBJ FREEWAY                       |                                     |           |           |  |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2009                   |  |             |        |   |                       |  |        | X   | belov  | ,                                     | belo<br>Seneral Cour  | ,   |
| (Street)  DALLAS  (City)                                       |                                     | ( ate) (. | 4. If     | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         |        |   |  |             |        |   |                       | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X                     | -/     |   |  |                                       |   |   |
|  |                                     | Tabl      | e I - No  | on-Deriv   | ative/ | Sec   | uritie   | s Ac        | quired | l, Di   | sposed o              | f, or E                                    | Benefi | cially  | Owne   | ed                                    |   |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) |                                     |           |           |  |        | /Year) Executio   |  | ution Date, |        |   |                       | es Acquired (A) o<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |        | and 5) Secu<br>Bene   |  | icially<br>d Following                | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |                                     |           |           |  |        |   |  |             | Code   | v   | Amount                | (A) or<br>(D) Price                        |        | •   | Trans  | action(s)<br>3 and 4)                 |   | (111311.4)  |
| Common Stock 03/05/20  |                                     |           |           |  | 2009   | 009   |  | P           |        | 2,500 A \$3   |                       | \$10                                       | .1199  | 85,938  |  | D                                     |   |   |
|  |                                     | Та        | ıble II - |  |        |   |  |             |        |   | osed of,<br>convertib |  |        |   | vned   |                                       |   |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |           |           | saction de (Instr. Servicies Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | rative<br>rities<br>ired<br>r<br>osed<br>)<br>: 3, 4                          | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date |             |        | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares |                       |  |        | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |   |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Bryan D. McCrory, Attorneyin-Fact for Roger F. Thomson

03/06/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* 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).

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