FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hatton John			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea 08/16/2004	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [EAT]							
(Last) 6820 LBJ FR	(First)	(Middle)				Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
					X	Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
(Street)		752.40			VP, Big Bowl President			X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
DALLAS 	TX	75240							Form filed by Reporting P	y More than One erson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Form or Ind		3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ((Instr. 5)	ct (D) (In:	ature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership rr. 5)			
Common Stock						110	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		d 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (In			4. Conversion	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Employee Sto	ck Option Rig	ht-to-Buy	11/13/2005 ⁽¹⁾	11/13/2013		Common Stock	1,800	32.5	D			
Employee Stock Option Right-to-Buy		08/11/2006 ⁽¹⁾	08/11/2014		Common Stock	5,000	31.6	D				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vest in installments on and after date shown.

Jay L. Tobin, Attorney-in-Fact for John J. Hatton

08/17/2004

** 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 5 (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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