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] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) Director 10% Own V Officer (give title Other (sp. | | | | ner | |
|---|---|--|--|--------|-----------|---|---|------|--|------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6820 LBJ FREEWAY | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/25/2011 | | | | | | | | helow) | ,`` | cAO, General Counsel | | pecny | |
| (Street) DALLAS TX 75240 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. I | e) X Form Form | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ole I - Nor | n-Deri | ivativ | e Se | curitie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or Be | neficial | ly Owned | i | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | | | | | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and | Benefic Owned | es ially Following | Form (D) or | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 08/25/ | | | | | | | 2011 | | A | | 1,500 A | | \$0.0 | 0 82 | 2,171 | | D | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | osed of, onvertib | | | Owned | | | , | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day) | oate, | Code (Ins | | | | 6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | of Securities | | ies g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option Right-to- Buy | \$21.79 | 08/25/2011 | | | A | | 20,000 | | 08/25/201 | 2(1) | 08/25/2019 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$21.79 | 20,00 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vest in installments on or after the date shown.

Remarks:

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

08/26/2011

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

- * 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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