FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* SMITH CECE				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BRINKER INTERNATIONAL INC [EAT]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5080 SPECTRUM DRIVE SUITE 805 WEST						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2006								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) ADDISON TX 75001				_ 4. _	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)															
		Tal	ole I - Nor	n-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	osed o	f, or Ber	neficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I				action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 2) Code (Instr. 5)				5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s ally ollowing	Form (D) or	Ownership orm: Direct) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						Code	v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		Transact	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common Stock 01/04			04/200	/2006 A		4,124 A \$		\$0.00	8,891			D						
			Table II - I						uired, D s, option					Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	ate,	4. Transaction Code (Instr.		of		6. Date Exercisat Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	e s ally	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
				Code	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Employee Stock Option Right-to-	\$38.49	01/04/2006			A		10,000		01/04/2008	(1)	01/04/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$38.49	10,00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

Bryan D. McCrory, Attorneyin-Fact for Cece Smith

01/06/2006

** 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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