

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SIMPSON MURRAY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC., ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY

(Street)

SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC [BEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.10	08/03/2005		M		20,593	A	\$ 37.27
					48,607	(1)	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	08/03/2005		S		15,231	D	\$ 82.5
Common Stock, par value \$.10	08/03/2005		S		2,757	D	\$ 82.5042
					30,619		

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.27 (2)	08/03/2005		M	20,593 (2) (3)	09/28/2001 11/16/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.10 20,593 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMPSON MURRAY C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 944031906			EVP and General Counsel	

Signatures

By: BARBARA J. GREEN,
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

08/04/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 9,605 shares represent unvested awards of restricted stock shares.
- (2) Reflects adjustment in connection with the special cash dividend paid by Franklin Resources, Inc. on April 15, 2005.
- (3) This report reflects the exercise of options originally granted on November 16, 2000.

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