

ALEXANDER PENELOPE S
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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 *
 ALEXANDER PENELOPE S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice-President, HR - US

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC., ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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SAN MATEO, CA 944031906
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 03/16/2006 | | M | | 6,866 | A | \$ 47.57 |
| | | | | | | | 38,347.0726 (1) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 03/16/2006 | | S | | 4,204 | D | \$ 101.549 |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 03/16/2006 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 101.8909 |

value
\$.10

Common
Stock, par
value 03/16/2006 S 2,662 D \$ 101.52 29,481.0726 D
\$.10

Common
Stock, par
value 03/16/2006 I 1,329.102 D \$ 102.0628 0 I By
\$.10 401(k)

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

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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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 47.57 (2) | 03/16/2006 | | M | 6,866 (2) (3) | 09/30/2004 11/11/2013 | Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 6,866 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALEXANDER PENELOPE S C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 944031906 | | | Vice-President, HR - US | |

Signatures

/s/ ALEXANDER,
PENELOPE S.

03/20/2006

__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, 4,604 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 12, 2003.

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