

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

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

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

(Street)
 SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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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