

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KRATTER LESLIE M

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)
08/15/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Assistant Secretary

(Street)
SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.10	08/15/2006		M		17,161 A \$ 31.95	66,187.0074 (1) (2)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10	08/15/2006		S		17,161 D \$ 95.5436	49,026.0074 (1) (2)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10						3.092 (3)	I By 401(k)

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- ** 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, 7,236 shares represent unvested awards of restricted stock shares.
- (2) Also includes shares acquired pursuant to Franklin Resources, Inc.'s Employee Stock Investment Plan ("ESIP").
- (3) Reporting person holds shares in Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of June 15, 2006.
- (4) Shares are held by a member of Mr. Kratter's immediate family. Mr. Kratter disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (5) Reflects adjustment in connection with the special cash dividend paid by Franklin Resources, Inc. on April 15, 2005.
- (6) This report reflects the exercise of options originally granted on November 12, 2002.

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