

Darwin Professional Underwriters Inc  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Romano Paul Francis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Darwin Professional Underwriters Inc [DR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 S.V.P. --Underwrite/Distrib.

FARMINGTON, CT 06032

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 3,527<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$<br>22.56<br><u>(1)</u>         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 174,071   | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                    |                 |        |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V  | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |        |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 22.56<br><u>(2)</u>   | 02/27/2008                              |   | A                                    |  | 10,525   |  | <u>(2)</u>                          | 02/27/2018         | common<br>stock | 10,525 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 16  |   |   |                                      |  |  |  | <u>(3)</u>                          | 05/19/2006         | common<br>stock | 7,228  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)    | \$ 25.3  |   |   |                                      |  |  |  | <u>(4)</u>                          | 02/23/2017         | common<br>stock | 6,299  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Romano Paul Francis<br>9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD<br>FARMINGTON, CT 06032 |               |           | S.V.P. --Underwrite/Distrib. |       |

## Signatures

Paul F. Romano, by Timothy J. Curry,  
attorney-in-fact

02/29/2008

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

Restricted stock award granted under Issuer's Stock Incentive Plan; price represents mean value of the high and low trades on the NYSE  
(1) on February 27, 2008, the grant date, as per Plan specification. Award vests and shares become unrestricted as follows: 50% of shares at February 27, 2011, and remainder at February 27, 2012.

(2)

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Employee stock option, granted 02/27/2008, under the Issuer's Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") at a fair market value determined in accordance with the Plan of \$22.56 per share. Exercisable up to an aggregate of 25% on or after 02/27/ 2009, up to an aggregate of 50% on or after 02/27/2010, up to an aggregate of 75% on or after 02/23/2011 and in its entirety on or after 02/23/2012, subject to expiration or forfeiture in accordance with the Plan.

- (3) The option vests in four equal installments. 25% vested on May 19, 2007, and the remaining 75% vests in equal installments on May 19, 2008, 2009 and 2010, subject to acceleration and/or forfeiture in accordance with the Stock Option Agreement.

- (4) Employee stock option, granted 02/23/2007, under the issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") at a fair market value determined in accordance with the Plan of \$25.30 per share. Exercisable up to an aggregate of 25% on or after 02/23/2008, up to an aggregate 50% on or after 02/23/2009, up to an aggregate 75% on or after 02/23/2010 and in its entirety on or after 02/23/2011, subject to expiration or forfeiture in accordance with the Plan.

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