

Darwin Professional Underwriters Inc  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Sills Stephen Jay

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)  
 President and CEO

FARMINGTON, CT 06032

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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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 7,820<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | \$<br>22.56<br><u>(1)</u>                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 281,205   | I  | By Trusts<br><u>(2)</u>                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,000   | I  | By Child<br><u>(3)</u>                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 900   | I  | By Child<br><u>(3)</u>                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 900   | I  | By reporting  |

|              |       |   |  |
|--------------|-------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 1,050 | I | person as UTMA custodian <sup>(3)</sup><br>By child <sup>(3)</sup> |
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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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V                         | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 22.56   | 02/27/2008                           |  | A                              | 23,335  | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/27/2018                                | common stock  | 23,335                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 16  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup> 05/19/2016                                | common stock  | 57,787                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 25.3  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(6)</sup> 02/23/2017                                | common stock  | 14,365                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

Sills Stephen Jay  
9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD X President and CEO  
FARMINGTON, CT 06032

## Signatures

Stephen J. Sills, by Timothy J. Curry,  
attorney-in-fact 02/29/2008

\_\_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).

Restricted stock award granted under Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan; price represents mean value of the high and low trades on the  
(1) NYSE 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) Held by grantor annuity trusts (GRATs), each of which the reporting person is sole trustee and beneficiary.

(3) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Employee stock option, granted 02/27/2008, under the Issuer's Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") at a fair market value determined in  
(4) 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.

(5) 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.

Employee stock option, granted 02/23/2007, under the issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") at a fair market value determined in  
(6) 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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