Gifford Russell M Form 4 December 17, 2009

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

2900

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gifford Russell M

BARNWELL INDUSTRIES INC [BRN]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 ALAKEA STREET, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

HONOLULU, HI 96813

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/11/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

EVP, CFO, Treas., Secy

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

7. Title and Ar Underlying Se

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	•	onth/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
Non-qualified Stock Options/SARs	\$ 4.32 (1)	12/11/2009		A	90,000	12/11/2010 <u>(3)</u>	12/11/2019	Common Stock		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
-reporting of the state of state of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gifford Russell M						
1100 ALAKEA STREET, SUITE 2900	X		EVP, CFO, Treas., Secy			
HONOLULU HI 96813						

Signatures

/s/ Russell M.
Gifford

**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) The exercise price is the closing price of the issuer's common stock on the NYSE Amex on December 11, 2009.
- On December 11, 2009, the reporting person was granted non-qualified stock options to purchase 90,000 shares of common stock of the issuer in tandem with stock appreciation rights pursuant to the issuer's 2008 Equity Incentive plan (the "2009 Award"). The 2009 Award was granted pursuant to action by the compensation committee of the board of directors of the issuer.
- (3) Exercise of the 2009 Award is subject to vesting over four years from the date of the grant, with 25% becoming exercisable on each anniversary of the date of the grant.

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