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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

BRADY CORP

CIK: **746598** | IRS No.: **390178960** | State of Incorporation: **WI** | Fiscal Year End: **0731**
SIC: **3990** Miscellaneous manufacturing industries

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REPORTING OWNER

HAWKE DAVID R

CIK: **1223797** | State of Incorporation: **WI** | Fiscal Year End: **0731**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-14959** | Film No.: **05791101**
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person HAWKE DAVID R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BRADY CORP [BRC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President Brady Corp		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2005					
BRADY CORPORATION, 6555 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) MILWAUKEE, WI 53223								
(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			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Phantom Stock Units	(1)	04/29/2005		A		0.0112		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	0.0112	\$29.41	75,888.6046	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This security converts to a common stock on a 1 for 1 basis.
- The phantom stock units were acquired under the Brady Corporation employee deferred compensation agreement and are to be settled in installment payments of Brady's Class A Common Stock upon the person's cessation of services as an employee.

Signatures

/s/ Donald E. Rearic

05/02/2005

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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