

BROWN TOM INC /DE  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **September 16, 2003**

### Tom Brown, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**001-31308**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-1949781**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**555 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1850**  
**Denver, Colorado 80202**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(303) 260-5000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year,  
If Changed Since Last Report)

#### ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Tom Brown, Inc. press release dated September 16, 2003, entitled "TOM BROWN, INC. ANNOUNCES EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION"

#### ANNOUNCES EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION

**DENVER September 16, 2003 Tom Brown, Inc. (NYSE:TBID)** today announced that in connection with the public offering of its common stock by Tom Brown and a selling stockholder, the underwriters have exercised their option to purchase an additional 1,425,000 shares to cover over-allotments. The option shares will be sold by the selling stockholder, an affiliate of Unocal Corporation, at the initial price to the public of \$25.75 per share. The closing of the sale of the option shares will occur today, simultaneously with the closing of the sale of the initial shares.

Tom Brown will receive no proceeds from the exercise of the over-allotment. After the exercise of the over-allotment, the affiliate of Unocal will own 875,000 (1.8%) shares of Tom Brown common stock.

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JPMorgan is sole book-running manager for the offering. Copies of the prospectus supplement relating to the offering may be obtained from the office of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Chase Distribution & Support Service, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, Floor 5B, New York, NY 10081. Copies can also be obtained by e-mail at Addressing.Services@jpmchase.com.

*Tom Brown, Inc. is a Denver, Colorado based independent energy company engaged in the exploration for, and the acquisition, development, production and marketing of, natural gas, natural gas liquids and crude oil in North America. The Company's common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol TBI.*

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities of Tom Brown, Inc., nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

This news release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by the Company in light of its experience, on general economic and business conditions and expected future developments, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements herein include the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices for oil and gas, environmental risks, operating risks, risks related to exploration and development, the ability of the Company to meet its stated business goals and other risk factors as described in the Company's 2002 Annual Report and Form 10-K/A as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a result of those factors, the Company's actual results may differ materially from those indicated in or implied by such forward-looking statements.

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 19, 2003

Tom Brown, Inc.

By: /s/ DANIEL G. BLANCHARD

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Daniel G. Blanchard  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ RICHARD L. SATRE

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Richard L. Satre  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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