

FORM 5

ANNUAL 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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

LAIRD, JR. JOSEPH E.
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC.
 ONE GREENWICH PLAZA

(Street)

GREENWICH CT 06830
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC. (FDS)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

08/00

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

TABLE I -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF,
 OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount (A) or (D) Price			

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

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Exer- cisa- ble Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)	
STOCK OPTIONS	\$33.0625	1/13/00	A	4,000	(1)	1/13/10	COMMON STOCK	4,000	N/A	40,000	D	N/A

Explanation of Responses:

(1) 20% of the option grant (i.e. 800 options) exercisable on January 13, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005

/s/ JOSEPH E. LAIRD, JR.

10/06/00

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.