

METZGER JOHN
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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 *
METZGER JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC
TEA CO INC [GAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2 PARAGON DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/02/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

MONTVALE, NJ 07645

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	06/02/2006		M		1,900	A	\$ 7.16 3,400
Common Stock	06/02/2006		S		1,900	D	\$ 25.4 1,500
Common Stock	06/02/2006		M		21,700	A	\$ 7.16 23,200
Common Stock	06/02/2006		S		21,700	D	\$ 25.43 1,500
Common Stock	06/02/2006		M		1,684	A	\$ 7.16 3,184

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Common Stock	06/02/2006	S	1,684	D	\$ 25.49	1,500	D
Common Stock	06/02/2006	M	5,800	A	\$ 14.18	7,300	D
Common Stock	06/02/2006	S	5,800	D	\$ 25.41	1,500	D
Common Stock	06/02/2006	M	5,578	A	\$ 14.18	7,078	D
Common Stock	06/02/2006	S	5,578	D	\$ 25.44	1,500	D
Common Stock						1,500	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.16	06/02/2006		M	25,284	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2011	Common Stock	25,284
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.18	06/02/2006		M	11,378	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2010	Common Stock	11,378

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
METZGER JOHN 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney in Fact for John Metzger	06/05/2006
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__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 option vested in four equal installments on March 20, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (2) The option vested in four equal installments on March 20, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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