

GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
05/25/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SR VP, CHIEF INFO OFFICER

MONTVALE, NJ 07645
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	05/25/2005		M		30,000	A	\$ 9.06
Common Stock	05/25/2005		S		30,000	D	\$ 25
					33,500		
					3,500		

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)	\$ 9.06	05/25/2005		M	30,000	<u>(1)</u> 03/20/2011	Common Stock 30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
METZGER JOHN 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645			SR VP, CHIEF INFO OFFICER

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact for John Metzger
Date: 05/25/2005

__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.

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