

CATO CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOWE JOHN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CATO CORP [CTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/29/2007

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

P.O. BOX 34216

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(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	03/29/2007		A ⁽¹⁾	1,300 A	\$ 0 3,100	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)

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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	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.5					08/28/1998 ⁽²⁾	08/28/2007	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	1,800
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.96					08/11/1999 ⁽³⁾	08/11/2008	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	7,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.83					08/28/2000	08/28/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.19					11/01/2000 ⁽⁴⁾	11/01/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWE JOHN R P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216			VP - ASST. CONTROL	

Signatures

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, POWER OF ATTORNEY
 Date: 03/29/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Grant of restricted shares that were subject to a performance measurement. The grant was effective 5/1/2006 but carried a risk of

(1) forfeiture unless the performance measurement was met. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors certified the performance measurement was met on March 29, 2007. The shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

(2) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/28/1998.

(3) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/11/1999.

(4) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

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