

Spero Vincent A  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
 Spero Vincent A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/19/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Lending Officer

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  | 1,808.399                                                                                     | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  | 1,250.9773                                                                                    | I                                                        | 401K Plan/Profit Sharing          |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 27.01                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (3) 06/02/2018                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 1,050                         |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 11.91                                               | 11/19/2009                           |                                                    | A                              | 3,000                                                                                   | (1) 11/19/2019                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 3,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Spero Vincent A<br>190 MAIN STREET<br>PO BOX 178<br>GLADSTONE, NJ 07934 |               |           | EVP & Chief Lending Officer |       |

## Signatures

Vincent A. Spero  
11/25/2009  
\*\*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 options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on November 19, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) Option grant has no purchase or sale price
- (3) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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