

GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC
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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 *
 RICHARDS ALLAN

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)
 07/13/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SR. VICE PRES, HR, LABOR, LEGAL

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/13/2006		A	13,026 A	\$ 0 (1) 13,026 (2)	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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.71	07/13/2006 ⁽³⁾		A	6,976	07/13/2006 04/18/2016	Common Stock	6,976

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHARDS ALLAN 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645			SR. VICE PRES, HR, LABOR, LEGAL	

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney in Fact for Allan Richards
 Date: 07/18/2006

__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 award was a grant for which no consideration was paid.
- (2) 13,026 shares in the total are underlying restricted stock units which can only be settled in stock.

- (3) The option grant was approved by a committee of A&P's board of directors on April 18, 2006, subject to shareholder approval of the amendment of the stock option plan under which the option was granted. A&P shareholders approved the amendment to the plan on July 13, 2006.

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