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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CATO JOHN P D Issuer Symbol CATO CORP [CATO] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify P.O. BOX 34216 04/11/2017 below) CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216** Person

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class B						ф			
Common Stock	04/11/2017		M	4,025	A	\$ 23.56	1,752,601	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number tion Derivative Securities (A) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		erivative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) uired or osed of r. 3, 4,		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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.56	04/11/2017		M	2	4,025	05/01/2014(1)	05/01/2023	Class B Common Stock	4,025

CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CATO JOHN P D							

P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

Signatures

/s/ John R. Howe, Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 5/1/2014.

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