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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(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 [CTR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title P.O. BOX 34216 06/19/2007 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) (Zi	p) Table 1	I - Non-Dei	rivative Se	ecuriti	es Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	06/19/2007		M	2,250	A	\$ 8.19	11,250	I	By Spouse
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	06/19/2007		M	3,000	A	\$ 5.5	3,000	I	By Spouse
CLASS A COMMON STOCK							88,747	D	
CLASS B COMMON							1,740,525	D	

STOCK

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) cquired A) or isposed of D) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.5	06/19/2007		M	3,000	08/28/1998(1)	08/28/2007	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.19	06/19/2007		M	2,250	11/01/2000(2)	11/01/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	2,25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
roporous o whore runner remained	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CATO JOHN P D P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216	X		CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO				

Signatures

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, POWER OF ATTORNEY 06/20/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 08/28/1998.
- (2) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

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