CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

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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 HALAS GUS D Issuer Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO (Check all applicable) [CENT] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET 10/18/2012 Pres&CEO Central Operating Co COMPANY, 1340 TREAT **BOULEVARD, SUITE 600** (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 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A F(1)6,419 D Common 10/18/2012 71,579 D Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HALAS GUS D C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

Pres&CEO Central Operating Co

Signatures

/s/ Gus D. Halas 12/10/2012 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600

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).
- Shares delivered by the Reporting Person in payment of withholding tax liability upon vesting of restricted stock. The amount of shares withheld is based on the high and low of the closing price of CENTA on October 18, 2012.

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