CLAUSE ERIC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CLAUSE ERIC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 PARAGON DRIVE

(Street)

MONTVALE, NJ 07645

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC [GAP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/26/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/26/2009		A		182,876	A	$ 0 (1)	261,389 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2009		A		182,876	A	$ 0 (1)	261,389 (3)	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)

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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 4.01	05/26/2009		A		274,656		05/26/2010(4)	05/26/2019	Common Stock	274

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLAUSE ERIC 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645			PRESIDENT & CEO	

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact for Eric Claus	05/26/2009
**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 award was a grant for which no consideration was paid.

(2) The acquisition represents the grant of 182,876 restricted stock units, which can only be settled in stock and which vest according to the following schedule: 1/4 on May 26, 2010 and 3/4 on May 26, 2012

(3) The acquisition represents the grant of 182,876 performance restricted stock units which can only be settled in stock. The number of PRSUs earned will be determined over a one-year period and will vest according to the following schedule: 1/3 of earned PRSUs on 5/26/10 and 2/3's on 5/26/11.

(4) This option vests in three equal installments beginning on May 26, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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