

RICHARDS ALLAN
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Â RICHARDS ALLAN	(Month/Day/Year)	GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC [GAP]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	09/06/2005	
2 PARAGON DRIVE		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Street)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
	(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	____ Director ____ 10% Owner	____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
	____X____ Officer ____ Other	____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	(give title below) (specify below)	
MONTVALE,Â NJÂ 07645	SR. VICE PRES, HR,LABOR, LEGAL	
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No securities beneficially owned	0	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	03/01/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 7.94	D (2)	Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Allan Richards 09/12/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2005.

(2) Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney

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