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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** CATO JOHN P D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
			CATO CORP [CATO]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
P.O. BOX 34216			05/01/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
CHARLOT	ΓE, NC 282	344216		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (7in)							
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly 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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	05/01/2012		A	28,839 (1)	A	\$0	271,912	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/01/2012		A	250 (1)	A	\$0	13,262	I	By Spouse
Class B Common Stock							1,740,525	D	
Class B Common							3,000	I	By Spouse

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable Date	Title Number			
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CATO JOHN P D						
PO ROX 34216	Y		CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO			

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

Signatures

/s/ Stuart L. Uselton, Attorney-In-Fact

05/02/2012

**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).
- Compensation Committee awarded restricted shares on March 22, 2012. The grant was effective May 1, 2012, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

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