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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHOCK JEFFREY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CATO CORP [CTR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

01/31/2006

VP INTERNAL AUDIT

P.O. BOX 34216

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 282344216

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

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Execution Date, if Transaction

Code

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Amount (D) Price

Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	•	

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	Derivative Security						Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amour or Numbe of Shares		
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 18.96	Â	Â	3	Â	Â	01/04/2006(1)	01/04/2016	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	2,250		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHOCK JEFFREY R P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216	Â	Â	VP INTERNAL AUDIT	Â			

Signatures

Buy)

By: STUART L. USELTON, POWER OF ATTORNEY 03/14/2006

**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) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 01/04/2006.

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