

GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2 PARAGON DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 PRESIDENT & CEO

MONTVALE, NJ 07645  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code V                         | Amount (D)  | Price (1)   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2006                           |  | A                              | 48,381 A  | \$ 0 (1)  | 64,567 (2)   | 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)**

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| 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 27.71   | 07/13/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>            |  | A                              | 25,911  | 07/13/2006 04/18/2016                                    | Common Stock 25,911   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact for Eric Claus 07/18/2006

\_\_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) The award was a grant for which no consideration was paid.
- (2) 48,381 shares in the total are underlying restricted stock units which can only be settled in stock.
- (3) The option grant was approved by a committee of A&P's board of directors on April 18, 2006, subject to shareholder approval of the amendment of the stock option plan under which the option was granted. A&P shareholders approved the plan on July 13, 2006.

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