

RICHARDS ALLAN
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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 *
RICHARDS ALLAN

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)
05/26/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SR. VICE PRES, HR, LABOR, LEGAL

MONTVALE, NJ 07645

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/26/2009		A	45,719 A \$ 0 (1)	69,354 (2)	D	
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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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.01	05/26/2009		A	68,664	05/26/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 05/26/2019	Common Stock 68,6

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact for Allan Richards
Date: 05/28/2009

__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 45,719 restricted stock units, which can be settled in stock or cash and which vest according to the following schedule: 1/4 on May 26, 2010 and 3/4 on May 26, 2012
The acquisition represents the grant of 45,719 performance restricted stock units which can be settled in stock or cash. The number of
- (3) 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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