

GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 SLADE STEPHEN

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/19/2006

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

2 PARAGON DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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MONTVALE, NJ 07645

(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 | 05/19/2006 | | M | 2,800 A \$ 6.1 | 2,800 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2006 | | S | 2,800 D \$ 24.1 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2006 | | M | 1,500 A \$ 6.1 | 1,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2006 | | S | 1,500 D \$ 24.13 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2006 | | M | 441 A \$ 6.1 | 441 | D | |

Common Stock 05/19/2006 S 441 D \$ 24.12 0 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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.1 | 05/19/2006 | | M | 4,741 | 05/19/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 02/23/2014 | Common Stock | 4,741 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|--|
| SLADE STEPHEN 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other SR. VICE PRES., MERCHANDISING |

Signatures

/s/ Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen Slade 05/22/2006

**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 option vests in four equal installments on February 23, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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