

CATO CORP  
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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 \*  
CATO JOHN P D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 34216

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CATO CORP [CTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| CLASS A COMMON STOCK            | 05/01/2007                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 29,632  | A  | \$ 0 294,638  |
| CLASS A COMMON STOCK            |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,000   | I  | By Spouse   |
| CLASS B COMMON STOCK            |                                      |  |                                |   | 690,525   | 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) |                      |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 5.5   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/28/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 08/28/2007  | CLASS B COMMON STOCK | 450,000                    |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 8.71  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/29/2008  | CLASS B COMMON STOCK | 300,000                    |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 8.48  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/20/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/20/2009  | CLASS B COMMON STOCK | 150,000                    |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 8.83  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/26/2000 <sup>(5)</sup>                                | 08/26/2009  | CLASS B COMMON STOCK | 150,000                    |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 5.5   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/28/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 08/28/2007  | CLASS B COMMON STOCK | 3,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 8.19  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/01/2000 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 11/01/2009  | CLASS A COMMON STOCK | 2,250                      |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| CATO JOHN P D<br>P.O. BOX 34216<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216 | X             |           | CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO |       |

## Signatures

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, POWER OF ATTORNEY 05/01/2007

\_\_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).  
Award of restricted shares. The grant of the award was contingent upon the company meeting a previously established performance measurement. On March 29, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors certified the performance measurement was met. The grant was effective 5/1/2007, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.
- (1) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 8/28/98.
- (2) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 2/26/99.
- (3) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 5/20/2000.
- (4) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 8/26/2000.
- (5) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

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