

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Å Caspersen Finn MW Jr<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>190 MAIN STREET, Å PO BOX 178<br>(Street)<br><br>GLADSTONE, Å NJ Å 07934<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>12/21/2007 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>EVP and General Counsel | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 100  | I   | Officer of Foundation holding shares                     |
| Common Stock                       | 99,675   | I   | Beneficiary of trusts holding shares                     |
| Common Stock                       | 219.5623   | I   | Profit sharing plan                                      |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |   |   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares   |   |   |   |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | Â <u>(1)</u>   | 03/29/2014   | Common Stock   | 10,000   | \$ 30   | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                   | Â <u>(2)</u>   | 01/02/2007   | Common Stock   | 2,000  | \$ 28.1   | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Caspersen Finn MW Jr<br>190 MAIN STREET<br>PO BOX 178<br>GLADSTONE, NJ 07934 | Â             | Â         | Â EVP and General Counsel | Â     |

## Signatures

Finn M.W.  
Caspersen, Jr

12/31/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on March 29, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the

(1) Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.

(2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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