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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] Spero Vincent A (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 190 MAIN STREET. PO BOX (Check all applicable) 178 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting **EVP & Chief Lending Officer** Person GLADSTONE, NJÂ 07934 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 1,808.399 Common Stock 1,250.9773 I 401K Plan/Profit Sharing Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	06/02/2018	Common Stock	1,050	\$ 27.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spero Vincent A 190 MAIN STREET PO BOX 178 GLADSTONE, NJ 07934	Â	Â	EVP & Chief Lending Officer	Â

Signatures

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Spero

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- (1) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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