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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**(Rule 13d-102)**

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT**  
**TO RULES 13d-1(b) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED**  
**PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 5)<sup>1</sup>**

New Century Financial Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

64352 D 10 1

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(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

<sup>1</sup> The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Robert K. Cole

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group\* (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

Not applicable

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3. SEC Use Only

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

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NUMBER OF  
SHARES

5. Sole Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

1,259,010

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OWNED BY

6. Shared Voting Power

EACH

REPORTING

0

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PERSON

7. Sole Dispositive Power

WITH

1,259,010

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8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,259,010

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10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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Not applicable

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.3%

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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IN

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**\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

**New Century Financial Corporation**

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

**18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000**

**Irvine, CA 92612**

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

**Robert K. Cole**

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

**c/o New Century Financial Corporation**

**18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000**

**Irvine, CA 92612**

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

**United States**

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

**Common Stock**

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

**Not applicable**

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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: **1,259,010**

(b) Percent of class: **5.3%**

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	<b>1,259,010</b>
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	<b>0</b>
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	<b>1,259,010</b>
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	<b>0</b>

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

**Not applicable**

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

**Not applicable**

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

**Not applicable**

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.



**Not applicable**

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

**Not applicable**

Item 10. Certification.

**Not applicable**

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2003

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(Date)

/s/ Robert K. Cole

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(Signature)

Robert K. Cole

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(Name/Title)