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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer CATO JOHN P D Symbol CATO CORP [CATO] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title 01/31/2011 below) below) P.O. BOX 34216 CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year)

CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 282344216

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

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(check applicable line)

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | 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) | | (A) or of (D |) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/29/2007 | Â | A4 | 500 (1) | A | \$0 | 12,012 | I | By Spouse | |
| Class A Common Stock | 05/01/2007 | Â | A4 | 250 (2) | A | \$ 0 | 215,887 | D | Â | |

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

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| Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da | ate | 7. Title Amou | nt of | 8. Price of Derivative |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | i ear) | Under Securi (Instr. | , , | Security (Instr. 5) |
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CATO JOHN P D P.O. BOX 34216 Â X

X Â Â CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO Â

CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 282344216

Signatures

/s/ Stuart L. Uselton, Attorney-In-Fact 01/31/2011

**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).
- Grant of restricted shares that were subject to a performance measurement. The grant was effective 5/1/2006 but carried a risk of (1) forfeiture unless the performance measurement was met. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors certified the performance measurement was met on March 29, 2007. The shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.
- Award of restricted shares. The grant of the award was contingent upon the company meeting a previously established performance (2) 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.

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