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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	1 0	rson*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CATO CORP</u> [ CTR ]		tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director	10% Owner	
(Last) P.O. BOX 34216			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2008	X EXH	Officer (give title below) ECUTIVE VICE PRES	Other (specify below) SIDENT - CMO	
(Street) CHARLOTTE (City)	NC (State)	282344216 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	rting Person	
		Table I - Non-Deriva	tive Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefi	cially (	Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)			
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	05/01/2008		<b>A</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		11,688	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	37,087	D		1		

	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Compensation Committee awarded restricted shares on April 1, 2008. The grant was effective 5/1/2008, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

## Remarks:

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

05/05/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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