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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GRIGG WILLIAM H</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATO CORP CTR | | | | | | | | (Ched | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|----------------|--|---------------------------|-----|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 34216 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2005 | | | | | | | | | Offic belov | er (give title w) | | her (s _l low) | specify | |
| (Street) CHARLOTTE NC 28234421 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 6 | 4. If <i>i</i> | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) | Forn Forn | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Execution Date, | | | n Date, | 3. 4. Securitie Disposed (5) (7) (8) | | | | | | Securi Benef | icially d Following | 6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4) | t o | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A (D | or I | Price | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| CLASS A COMMON STOCK 05/27/2 | | | | | /2005 | 2005 | | P | | 1,000 | | A | \$28.31 | | 1,000 | D | | | |
| | 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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | | ransaction ode (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4) | | De Se (In | Price of rivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Insti | hip c E O) (ect (| 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | or Numl of Share | oer | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

By: STUART L. USELTON, POWER OF ATTORNEY

05/31/2005

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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