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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Repo MAYS GREG	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO INC [GAP]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) 2 PARAGON DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2008			X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
(Street) MONTVALE, NJ 07645			endment, Da onth/Day/Yea	-	1	6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by	-	erson	
WOIT VALL, IN 07045						Person			
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction 1 (Month/Day/Yet)	any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Report on a separat	e line for each c	lass of sec	urities benef	Perso inform requir	ns who rest nation cont ed to respo sys a current	or indirectly. spond to the colle ained in this forn ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi

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(Instr. 3)	instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acqu (A) o Disp of (E (Inst	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Equivalent Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2008		А	930		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	930	\$ 4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MAYS GREG 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645	Х							
Signatures								
Joan Roensch, Attorney in Fact Mays	t for Greg	;	12/29/20)08				

<u>**Signature of Reporting Person</u>

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).
- (1) Security converts to a common stock on a one-for-one basis
- (2) Stock units acquired under the issuer's 2004 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan convert to Common Stock following the insider's termination from the Board, the date of which is not yet known.

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