RICHARDS ALLAN

Form 4

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(City)

(State)

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RICHARDS ALLAN | | | 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) 2 PARAGON | (First) (Middle) N DRIVE | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2009 | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) SR. VICE PRES, HR,LABOR, LEGAL | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| MONTVALE | , NJ 07645 | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (A | 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 | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| (-13.11.3) | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Owned Following Reported | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/05/2009 | | A | 5,428 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 29,063 (2) | D | | |
| Common Stock | 08/05/2009 | | A | 29,498 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 58,561 <u>(3)</u> | D | | |

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

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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. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration Date | | Amoun | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | 3 and 4) | | Own |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Or | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

RICHARDS ALLAN 2 PARAGON DRIVE MONTVALE, NJ 07645

SR. VICE PRES, HR, LABOR, LEGAL

Signatures

Joan Roensch, Attorney-in-Fact, for Allan Richards

08/07/2009

**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).
- (1) The award was a grant for which no consideration was paid.
- The acquisition represents 5,428 restricted stock units which vested on August 5, 2009 from an original grant of 13,026 restristed stock (2) units granted to Mr. Richards in 2006 under the Company's Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan. The restricted stock units can only be settled in stock.
- The acquisition represents 29,498 restricted stock units which vested on August 5, 2009 from an original grant of 88,489 restricted stock (3) units granted to Mr. Richards in 2005 under the Company's Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan. The restricted stock units can only be settled in stock.

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