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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CATO JOHN P D Issuer Symbol CATO CORP [CATO] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify P.O. BOX 34216 05/01/2010 below) below) CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216** Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Class A Common Stock	05/01/2010		A	35,034 (1)	A	\$ 0	215,887	D		
Class A Common Stock	05/01/2010		A	250 (1)	A	\$0	12,012	I	By Spouse	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Relationships

CATO JOHN P D

P.O. BOX 34216 X CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

Signatures

/s/ Stuart L. Uselton, Attorney-In-Fact

05/04/2010 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Compensation Committee awarded restricted shares on March 26, 2010. The grant was effective 5/1/2010, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

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