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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad HENSON	^	-	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATO CORP [CATO]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
PO BOX 342	216						, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	(Street)			(Check all applicable) _X_ Director10%			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
CHARLOT	ΓE, NCÂ	28234-4216		Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			_X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Deriv	ative Securi	ties Be	eneficially Owned		
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Beneficially ((Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	*		
Class A Con	nmon Stock		2,019		D	Â			
Reminder: Repo	•	ate line for each	class of securities beneficia	ally	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)			
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration D	ate	Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	•	

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENSON THOMAS B

PO BOX 34216 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A}

CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28234-4216

Signatures

/s/ Stuart L. Uselton, Attorney-In-Fact 05/27/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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