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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ac MCALPINE		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATO CORP [CTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
(Eust)	(1 1151)	(Middle)	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
P.O. BOX 34216			05/01/2008	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP - FINANCIAL PLANNING			
(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			
CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Zi	(ip) Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Se	curitie	s Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) 01 l 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)
COMMON STOCK	05/01/2008		A(1)	1,404	A	\$0	4,071	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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
<u>.</u>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MCALPINE BRIAN			SVP -					
P.O. BOX 34216			FINANCIAL					
CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216			PLANNING					

Signatures

/s/ MCALPINE, BRIAN

05/05/2008

**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) Compensation Committee awarded restricted shares on April 1, 2008. The grant was effective 5/1/2008, but the shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.

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