

PENNINGTON BROOKS III
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PENNINGTON BROOKS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MADISON, GA 30650

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		3,000	A	\$ 4.28	
Common Stock	12/10/2008		F ⁽²⁾		2,804	D	\$ 4.74	
Common Stock	12/12/2008		S ⁽³⁾		196	D	\$ 4.41	
Common Stock							49,040	
							I	By L.P. ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock							6,938	
							I	By Spouse ⁽⁵⁾

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Common Stock						7,604	I	By LLC <u>(6)</u>
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	6,000	A	\$ 4.26	325,900	D
Class A Common Stock	12/10/2008		F ⁽²⁾	5,653	D	\$ 4.66	320,247	D
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		S ⁽³⁾	128	D	\$ 4.35	320,119	D
Class A Common Stock	12/12/2008		S ⁽³⁾	219	D	\$ 4.3	319,900	D
Class A Common Stock						98,080	I	By L.P. <u>(4)</u>
Class A Common Stock						13,876	I	By Spouse <u>(5)</u>
Class A Common Stock						15,208	I	By LLC <u>(6)</u>

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	\$ 4.28	12/10/2008		M	3,000	08/02/2007	08/02/2010		3,000

