#### PENNINGTON BROOKS III

Form 4

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# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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**SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations may continue.

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type l	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) 1280 ATLA	(First) (	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2009					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
MADISON	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securit	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	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 Indirect Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4)	
Common	11/02/2000			N/I(1)	6.000	٨	\$ 1 20	165.050	D		

Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code	, , ,			Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/02/2009		M(1)	6,000	A	\$ 4.28	165,950	D	
Common Stock	11/02/2009		F(2)	3,662	D	\$ 10.12	162,288	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2009		S <u>(3)</u>	2,338	D	\$ 10.3	159,950	D	
Common Stock							49,040	I	By L.P. <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock							6,938	I	By Spouse (5)

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Common Stock						7,604	I	By LLC (6)
Class A Common Stock	11/02/2009	M(1)	12,000	A	\$ 4.26	331,900	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/02/2009	F(2)	7,522	D	\$ 9.515	324,478	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/03/2009	S(3)	4,478	D	\$ 9.64	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 (5)
Class A Common Stock						15,208	I	By LLC

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.28	11/02/2009		M		6,000	08/02/2007	08/02/2010	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 4.26	11/02/2009		M		12,000	08/02/2007	08/02/2010	Class A Common	12,000

(right to Stock buy)

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PENNINGTON BROOKS III 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY MADISON, GA 30650

X

# **Signatures**

/s/ Brooks Pennington III 11/04/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

of his pecuniary interest therein.

### **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) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b-5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (2) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of exercise.
- (3) Sales effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
  - By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and
- (4) Mr. Pennington is the sole member of BPCBLLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse and 13,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse.
- By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of (6) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent

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