

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/07/2012

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

1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MADISON, GA 30650

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	09/07/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		14,400 A \$ 12.83	106,442	D
Class A Common Stock	09/07/2012		F ⁽²⁾		14,230 D \$ 13.06	92,212	D
Class A Common Stock	09/10/2012		S ⁽³⁾		170 D \$ 12.9 ⁽⁴⁾	92,042	D
Class A Common						38,080	I By L.P ⁽⁵⁾

Stock

Class A Common Stock	3,876	I	By Spouse <u>(6)</u>
Class A Common Stock	15,208	I	By LLC <u>(7)</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. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.83	09/07/2012		M	14,400	<u>(8)</u> 12/09/2013	Class A Common Stock	14,400	

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

09/11/2012

**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) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(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 the exercise.

(3) Sale effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$12.90 to \$13.8999. Mr. Pennington undertakes that he will provide,

(4) upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.

By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and

(5) 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.

(6) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 3,876 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

(7) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(8) Options vest in increments of 20% on each of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth anniversaries of the grant date.

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