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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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	(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				_X_ F	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person										
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	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NOVOTNY GLENN W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X		Pres./ Chief Executive Officer					

Signatures

/s/ Nadine MacPhail, as Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn W. Novotny	12/13/2004
**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 granted pursuant to Central Garden & Pet Company's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) 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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