FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PENNINGTON BROOKS III				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]							NT]	5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2013							r)	-		e title below)		her (specify be	ow)
MADIGO	N. C. 20	(Street)		4. If Am	endm	ent, Da	te Ori	ginal File	ed(Mo	onth/Day/Y	(ear)		6. Individual o X_Form filed by Form filed by	One Reporting			ine)
(City	ON, GA 30	(State)	(Zip)			т	ahle I	- Non-F) eriv	vative Se	ecuritie	s Acquir	red Disnosed	of or Rene	ficially Owi	ned.	
(Instr. 3) Dat		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Y		l Pate, if	3. Tra Code	Transaction		4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		uired 5. Amount of Owned Follow				6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership	
							Coo	de V	A	mount	(A) or (D)	Price	2			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Class A (Common S	Stock	02/11/2013				A		2, (1	,240	A	\$ 0	94,282			D	
Class A (Common S	Stock										3	38,080			I	By L.P
Class A Common Stock												3	3,876			I	By Spouse
Class A (Common S	Stock											15,208	5,208		I	By LLC
Common Stock													159,950			D	
Common Stock											4	49,040	10		I	By L.P (2)	
Common Stock											(6,938			I	By Spouse	
Common Stock											1	7,604			I	By LLC	
Reminder:	Report on a s	separate line for each	1 class of securities	beneficia	ally ov	wned di	rectly	Pers in th	sons	orm are	e not re	equired	collection of to respond MB control r	unless the		ned SEC	1474 (9-02)
			Table II -										Owned				
	Conversion	Conversion Date Execution Date, if or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year)		(e.g., puts, calls, wa 4. 5. Nun Transaction Code Securit (Instr. 8) Acquir or Disg of (D) (Instr. and 5)		mber ivative Expiratities (Month/posed 3, 4,		Exention I	Exercisable and 7. on Date of Oay/Year) Se		of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Be Or Fo	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction	Owners Form of Derivat Securit Direct of or India	ive (Instr. 4) D) ect	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expira Date	tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4	,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.93	02/11/2013		A		22,39° (5)	7	<u>(6</u>)	08/11	/2016	Class Comm Stoc	non 22,397	\$ 0	22,397	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

PENNINGTON BROOKS III			
1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY	X		
MADISON, GA 30650			

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte, as attorney-in-fact for Brooks Pennington III	02/13/2013	
**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) Restricted stock award granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (2) By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and 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.
- (3) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse and 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 Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Stock options granted under the Company's Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (6) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 11, 2013, the date of the grant.

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