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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant To Section 13 Of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 13, 2006

**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20242**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

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(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01**    **Other Events.**

On March 13, 2006, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing that it increased its equity interest in Tech Pac, L.L.C. from 20% to 80%. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01**    **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1    Press release dated March 13, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By:           /S/ WILLIAM E. BROWN            
William E. Brown  
Chairman

Dated: March 13, 2006

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET PURCHASES MAJORITY EQUITY INTEREST IN  
TECH PAC, L.L.C.**

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**WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA, March 13, 2006**- Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) announced today that it increased its equity interest in Tech Pac, L.L.C. from 20% to 80%.

Tech Pac is a leading supplier of insect control branded products in the lawn and garden market place. Tech Pac's leading brands include Sevir® , a broad-based insecticide, Over'nOut!® for fire ant control and RooTone a leading root stimulant for the gardening enthusiast.

"Our increased investment in Tech Pac strengthens our portfolio of leading lawn & garden control brands," commented Glenn Novotny, President and Chief Executive Officer of Central Garden & Pet. "The majority interest enables us to increase the awareness of both the Sevin, Over'nOut! and RooTone brands and our access to next generation active ingredient technologies to develop and introduce new control products with superior efficacy."

In addition to Sevin and Over'nOut!, Central's portfolio of leading brands of lawn & garden control products include Amdro for fire ant, household and garden ant control; Grants for household and garden ant control; and Eliminator for weed and grass control manufactured exclusively for Wal\*Mart.

In February 2005, Central, acquired Gulfstream Home & Garden, Inc. and it's 20% interest in Tech Pac. Gulfstream Home & Garden is the exclusive marketer of products supplied by Tech Pac L.L.C. As a result of the transaction announced today, Central's interest in Tech Pac is increased to 80%. Terms for the purchase of the additional 60% interest were not disclosed, but are within Central's stated acquisition criteria of 5-to-7 times trailing twelve months operating income. The transaction is expected to add approximately 2 cents per fully diluted share to fiscal 2006 results.

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Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading innovator, marketer and producer of quality branded products for the pet and lawn and garden supplies markets. Our pet products include pet bird and small animal food, aquarium products, flea, tick, mosquito and other pest control products, edible bones, cages, carriers, pet books, and other dog, cat, reptile and small animal products. These products are sold under a number of brand names, including Kaytee, SuperPet, All-Glass Aquarium, Oceanic, Kent Marine, Energy Savers Unlimited, Zodiac, Pre-Strike, Altosid, Nylabone, TFH, Four Paws, Interpet, Breeder's Choice and Farnam. Our lawn and garden products include grass seed, wild bird food, weed and insect control products, and decorative outdoor patio products. These products are sold under a number of brand names, including Pennington, Norcal Pottery, New England Pottery, GKI/Bethlehem Lighting, Lilly Miller, Matthews Four Seasons, Cedar Works, AMDRO, Grant's, Sevin and Over'n Out. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.central.com/>.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this release which are not historical facts, including future earnings guidance, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by forward-looking statements. These risks are described in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Central undertakes no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect new information, subsequent events or otherwise.

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