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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 Pe<br>PENNINGTON BROOKS III | rson <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>_X_Director10% Owner   |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First)<br>1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY                       | (Middle)          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2006                          | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed   |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>MADISON, GA 30650                                |                   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| (City) (State)   | (Zip)             | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned     |  |  |  |  |

| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | (Instr. 8)       |   | (A) or D | isposed of (D)   |             | 5. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s) | Ownership<br>Form:                             | Beneficial              |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|----------|------------------|-------------|--|--|-------------------------|
|                                   |  | (Month/Day/Year)                        | Code             | v | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price       | (Instr. 3 and 4)   | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 100      | D                | \$<br>51.71 | 239,450  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 364      | D                | \$<br>51.68 | 239,086  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 136      | D                |             | 238,950  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 100      | D                | \$<br>51.66 | 229.950  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 600      | D                | \$<br>51.65 | 238,250  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 2,700    | D                | \$<br>51.64 | 235,550  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 1,200    | D                |             | 234,350  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 600      | D                | \$<br>51.62 | 233,750  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 100      | D                | \$<br>51.61 | 233,650  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 100      | D                | \$<br>51.6  | 233,550  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 200      | D                | \$<br>51.59 | 233,350  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 400      | D                | \$<br>51.58 | 232,950  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 200      | D                |             | 232,750  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 100      | D                | \$<br>51.56 | 232,650  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 600      | D                | \$<br>51.55 | 232,050  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 200      | D                | \$<br>51.54 | 231,850  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 600      | D                | \$<br>51.53 | 231,250  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 1,300    | D                | \$<br>51.52 | 229,950  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 600      | D                | \$<br>51.51 | 229,350  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      |  |   |                  |   |          |                  |             | 49,040   | Ι  | By L.P.<br>(2)          |
| Common Stock                      |  |   |                  |   |          |                  |             | 6,938  | I  | By<br>Spouse<br>(3)     |
| Common Stock                      |  |   |                  |   |          |                  |             | 7,604  | Ι  | By LLC<br>(4)           |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 1,300    | D                | \$<br>51.5  | 228,050  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 300      | D                |             | 227,750  | D  |                         |
| Common Stock                      | 03/07/2006                                 |   | S                |   | 700      | D                |             | 227,050  | D  |                         |

| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned direct | tly or indirectly.   |                 |
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| Table II - | Derivat | tive Securitie | es Acquired, | Disposed of, or | <b>Beneficially Owne</b> | d |
|------------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
|            |         |                |              |                 |                          |   |

|             | (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |                    |            |   |         |       |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|-------------|--|------------------|--------------------|------------|---|---------|-------|----------------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2.   | 3. Transaction   | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         |   | 5.      |       | 6. Date Exer   | cisable    | 7. Tit | le and  | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.         | 11. Nature  |
| Derivative  | Conversion   | Date             | Execution Date, if | Transactio | m | Numb    | ber   | and Expiration | on Date    | Amo    | unt of  | Derivative  | Derivative     | Ownership   | of Indirect |
| Security    | or Exercise  | (Month/Day/Year) | any                | Code       |   | of      |       | (Month/Day     | /Year)     | Unde   | rlying  | Security    | Securities     | Form of     | Beneficial  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of   |                  | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) |   | Deriv   | ative |                |            | Secur  | rities  | (Instr. 5)  | Beneficially   | Derivative  | Ownership   |
|             | Derivative   |                  |                    |            |   | Secur   | ities |                |            | (Instr | : 3 and |             | Owned          | Security:   | (Instr. 4)  |
|             | Security   |                  |                    |            |   | Acqui   | red   |                |            | 4)     |         |             | Following      | Direct (D)  |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   | (A) 01  |       |                |            |        |         |             | Reported       | or Indirect |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   | Dispo   | sed   |                |            |        |         |             | Transaction(s) | (I)         |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   | of (D)  | )     |                |            |        |         |             | (Instr. 4)     | (Instr. 4)  |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   | (Instr. |       |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            | ŀ | 4, and  | 5)    |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   |         |       |                |            |        | Amount  |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   |         |       | Date           | Expiration |        | or      |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   |         |       | Exercisable    | *          | Title  | Number  |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    |            |   |         |       | Exercisable    | Date       |        | of      |             |                |             |             |
|             |  |                  |                    | Code       | V | (A)     | (D)   |                |            |        | Shares  |             |                |             |             |

## **Reporting Owners**

|  | Relationships |              |                               |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer                       | Other |  |  |  |
| PENNINGTON BROOKS III<br>1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY<br>MADISON, GA 30650 |               |              | Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed |       |  |  |  |

### Signatures

| /s/ Brooks M. Pennington III    | 03/08/2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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) Sale (and all sales reported in this table) effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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.
- (4) 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.

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