

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

August 02, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**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]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY

(Street)

MADISON, GA 30650

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2016

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

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

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

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 (A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	08/01/2016		M		11,397	A \$ 8.93	69,605 D
Class A Common Stock	08/01/2016		F ⁽¹⁾		6,781	D \$ 22.81	62,824 D
Class A Common Stock	08/02/2016		S ⁽²⁾		4,616	D \$ ⁽³⁾ 22.4299	58,208 D
Class A Common							3,876 I
							By Spouse ⁽⁴⁾

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Stock				
Class A Common Stock	15,208	I	By LLC (5)	
Units	1,510.706	I	401(k) Account (6)	
Common Stock	159,950	D		
Common Stock	49,040	I	By L.P. (7)	
Common Stock	6,938	I	By Spouse (4)	
Common Stock	7,604	I	By LLC (5)	

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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.93	08/01/2016		M	11,397	(8) 08/11/2016	Class A Common Stock	11,397

Reporting Owners

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

PENNINGTON BROOKS III
1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY X
MADISON, GA 30650

Signatures

/s/ Brooks
Pennington, III 08/02/2016

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).

Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
(1) 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.

(2) Shares sold through 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 \$22.16 to \$22.84. Mr. Pennington undertakes that he will provide,
(3) 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.

(4) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 3,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse and 6,938 shares of the Issuer's 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
(5) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(6) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan as of June 30, 2016, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.

By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and
(7) 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.

(8) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 11, 2013, the date of the grant.

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