

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 Person \*  
 SPENGE MAN CRAIG C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/08/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & Chf Investment Off

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S	474	D \$ 30.2178	10,942	D
Common Stock	09/08/2008		S	474	D \$ 30.2178	394	I Spouse
Common Stock	09/09/2008		S	394	D \$ 30	10,548	D
Common Stock	09/09/2008		S	394	D \$ 30	0	I Spouse
Common Stock						6,178.0192	I 401K Plan/Profit Sharing

Plan

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. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 18.66					<u>(1)</u>	02/05/2009	Common Stock	5,870
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.68					<u>(2)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	1,398
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.86					<u>(3)</u>	01/11/2011	Common Stock	3,992
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.62					<u>(4)</u>	05/10/2011	Common Stock	2,661
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.89						01/09/2004 01/09/2014	Common Stock	21,999
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 28.1					<u>(5)</u>	01/03/2017	Common Stock	4,000

buy)  
 Stock  
 option (right to buy)      \$ 24.57      (6)      01/02/2018      Common Stock      4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPENGE MAN CRAIG C 190 MAIN STREET PO BOX 178 GLADSTONE, NJ 07934	X		President & Chf Investment Off	

## Signatures

Craig C.  
 Spengeman      09/10/2008

     \*\*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) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on February 5, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
  - (2) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on September 14, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
  - (3) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 11, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
  - (4) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on May 10, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. On December 11, 2003, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
  - (5) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
  - (6) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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