### **MINDICH JEREMY**

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1(b).

(Last)

Central

Garden &

(Print or Type Responses)

<ol> <li>Name and Address of Reporting Person</li> </ol>
SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

[CENT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

X\_\_ 10% Owner

450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD

(Street)

04/23/2008

(First)

04/22/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title below)

\_ Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4,449,828

4.2348

**FLOOR** 

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

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Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person \_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10123

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (		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)
Central Garden & Pet Co. Common Stock	04/22/2008				` ′		2,305,462	I	See Footnote
Central Garden & Pet Co. Class A	04/22/2008		P	14,009	A	\$ 4.1106	4,363,589	I	See Footnote

86,239

See

Footnote

Pet Co. Class A								(1)
Central Garden & Pet Co. Common Stock	04/23/2008	P	0	A	\$ 0	60,310	D (2)	
Central Garden & Pet Co. Class A	04/23/2008	P	0	A	\$ 0	41,886	D (2)	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
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						Date	Expiration	Title	Or		
						Exercisable	Date	ritte	Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123		X					
MINDICH JEREMY C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR		X					

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SIROVICH MATTHEW C/O SCOPIA MANAGEMENT INC 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10123

X

## **Signatures**

Scopia Management Inc By: /s/ Jeremy Mindich,
President

04/24/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Jeremy Mindich 04/24/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Matthew Sirovich 04/24/2008

\*\*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).

These securities are held in the accounts of several investment funds and managed accounts (the "Investment Vehicles") for which Scopia Management Inc. ("Scopia Management") serves as the investment manager. Matthew Sirovich and Jeremy Mindich are the control persons of Scopia Management. Scopia Management and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich may be deemed to beneficially own the securities held by the Investment Vehicles and Messrs. Sirovich and Mindich's status as the control persons of Scopia Management.

(2) These securities are owned by Matthew Sirovich who is a Reporting Person.

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