

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Spero Vincent A

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)
 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO BOX 700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/11/2014

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Lending Officer

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2014 | | A | 7,956 A \$ 0 | 40,698.252 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,314.8833 <u>(3) (4)</u> | I | 401K Plan/Profit Sharing |

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.01 | | | | | (2) 06/02/2018 | Common Stock 1,050 | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.91 | | | | | (1) 11/19/2019 | Common Stock 3,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Spero Vincent A 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921 | | | EVP & Chief Lending Officer | |

Signatures

Vincent A. Spero 03/13/2014

__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 are exercisable in five equal annual installments on November 19, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (3) Includes 401K contributions used to purchase PGC stock each payroll period.

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(4) Includes profit-sharing contributions and earnings since last filing.

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