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Top Hat Plan Exemption
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Room N-1513
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Central Garden & Pet Company Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company") is filing this notice and supplies the following information on the Central Garden & Pet Company Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to 29 CFR § 2520.104-23:

1. Name and Address of Company:

Central Garden & Pet Company
1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600
Walnut Creek, California 94597

2. Company's Employer Identification Number (EIN):

68-0275553

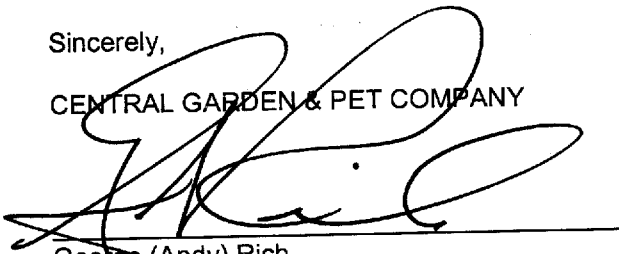
3. Declaration:

The Company maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The Plan is effective January 1, 2006 and currently covers 5 participants.

The Company will provide plan documents, if any, to the Secretary upon request as required by Section 104(a) of ERISA.

Sincerely,

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY



George (Andy) Rich
Vice President - Human Resources

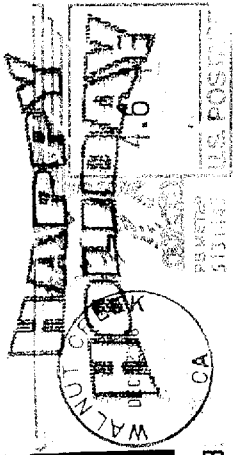


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