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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vituli Alan</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>968 JAMES STREET</u> (Street) <u>SYRACUSE NY 13203</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [TAST]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/20/2006</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO & Chairman of the Board</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Options (right to buy)	\$13	12/20/2006		A		118,500		(1)(2)	12/13/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.	\$0	118,500	D	
Options (right to buy)	\$15.6	12/20/2006		A		118,500		(1)(2)	12/13/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.	\$0	118,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The Reporting Person's options were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with one-fifth (1/5) of such options becoming exercisable on December 13, 2007, and an additional one-sixtieth (1/60) of such options vesting and becoming exercisable on the first day of each month after December 13, 2007, except that all of the Reporting Person's unvested options will immediately vest and become exercisable in the event that the Issuer or Carrols Corporation ("Carrols"), a subsidiary of the Issuer, elect not to renew the Reporting Person's employment agreement after the initial term, which expires on December 31, 2008, and the Reporting Person ceases to be employed after the end of such initial term, (continued in Footnote 2)

2. or if the Reporting Person's employment is terminated by the Issuer or Carrols without cause (as defined in the Reporting Person's employment agreement) or the Reporting Person retires at any time after the initial two-year term employment agreement.

/s/ Alan Vituli12/20/2006

** Signature of Reporting PersonDate

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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