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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 5)¹

New Century Financial Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1. Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Robert K. Cole

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group* (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

Not applicable

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

NUMBER OF
SHARES

5. Sole Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

1,259,010

OWNED BY

6. Shared Voting Power

EACH

REPORTING

0

PERSON

7. Sole Dispositive Power

WITH

1,259,010

8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,259,010

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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Not applicable

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.3%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IN

***SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

New Century Financial Corporation

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000

Irvine, CA 92612

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Robert K. Cole

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

c/o New Century Financial Corporation

18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000

Irvine, CA 92612

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

United States

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable

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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: **1,259,010**

(b) Percent of class: **5.3%**

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	1,259,010
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	0
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	1,259,010
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification.

Not applicable

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2003

(Date)

/s/ Robert K. Cole

(Signature)

Robert K. Cole

(Name/Title)