NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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)

(Amendment No. 3) (1)

New Century Financial Corporation (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

64352 D 10 1 (CUSIP Number)

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

[] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d- (c) [X] 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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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 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).

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)				
 	Robert K.	Cole			
 2. 	CHECK THE	APPRO	DPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*		
	Not appli	cable			
3.	SEC USE ONLY				
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	United St	ates			
 NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		i i	SOLE VOTING POWER 1,396,108		
		6. 	SHARED VOTING POWER		
 R	EACH EPORTING	7. 1	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,393,408		
PERSON WITH 			SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTIN PERSON					
	1,396,108				
10.	. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES []				
	Not applicable				
 11. 	PERCENT O	F CLAS	SS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		
 	9.3%		 		
112.	 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*				
	IN		 		
	*	SEE IN	STRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!		
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Item	1(a). Nam	 e of 1	ssuer:		
	New Century Financial Corporation				
Item	1(b). Add	ress (of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:		
			n Karman, Suite 1000 CA 92612		

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Robert K. Cole

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

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: 1,396,108
- (b) Percent of class: 9.3%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to
 direct the vote: 1,396,108(1)
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or
 to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose
 or to direct the
 disposition of: 1,393,408
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose
 or to direct the
 disposition of: 0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent of 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			
(1) Includes 2,700 shares of restricted stock which are subject to forfeiture under certain circumstances. Mr. Cole has voting, but not dispositive, power with respect to such shares.					
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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 12, 2001			
		(Date)			

/s/ Robert K. Cole

(Signature)

Robert K. Cole

(Name/Title)