

SULLIVAN JOHN L III
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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 *
 SULLIVAN JOHN L III

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 112 BRIDGE STREET
 (Street)

NAUGATUCK, CT 06770

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EASTERN CO [EML]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/15/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	06/15/2010		F	18,750 D \$ 14.25	610	D	
Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	06/15/2010		M	30,000 A \$ 9.5	30,610	D	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Qualified employee stock option ⁽³⁾	\$ 9.5	06/15/2010		M	30,000	⁽³⁾	07/19/2000	Common Stock	30,000
Qualified employee stock option ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 9.6	04/26/2001		A	0	⁽⁴⁾	04/26/2011	Common Stock	22,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SULLIVAN JOHN L III 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770			Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

/s/John L.
Sullivan III

06/17/2010

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 18,750 shares of previously acquired Eastern Company stock were surrendered to Eastern Treasury at the closing price on June 14, 2010 of \$14.25 per share, for the purchase of stock options by Mr. Sullivan.

(2) 30,000 shares were exercised on June 15, 2010 at \$9.50 per share by Mr. Sullivan. The original 7/19/2000 option was for 20,000 shares at \$14.25 per share. 4,810 shares were vested on 1/1/2001; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2002; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2003 and the remaining 1,156 shares were vested on 1/1/2004. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 30,000 shares at \$9.50 per share.

(3) The original 7/19/2000 option was for 20,000 shares at \$14.25 per share. 4,810 shares were vested on 1/1/2001; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2002; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2003 and the remaining 1,156 shares were vested on 1/1/2004. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 30,000 shares at \$9.50 per share. On June 15, 2010 30,000 shares were exercised at \$9.50

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per share, leaving a zero balance.

The original 4/26/2001 option was for 15,000 shares at \$14.40 per share. 5,800 shares were vested on 1/1/2004; 6,944 shares were vested (4) on 1/1/2005; and the remaining 2,256 shares were vested on 1/1/2006. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now for 22,500 shares at \$9.60 per share.

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