

EATON VANCE CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
HIGDON LEO I JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE EATON VANCE BUILDING, 255 STATE STREET

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 021092617

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EATON VANCE CORP [EV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2004

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |
| Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | | | | | 2,016 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 50.78 | 12/17/2004 | | A | 6,000 | (1) 12/17/2014 | Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.16 | | | | | (1) 02/01/2010 | Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | 2,836 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.13 | | | | | (1) 12/15/2010 | Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | 3,686 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.65 | | | | | (1) 12/21/2011 | Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 30.1 | | | | | (1) 12/20/2012 | Eaton Vance Corp. Non-voting Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.27 | | | | | (1) 12/19/2013 | Eaton Vance Corp. | 6,000 |

Non-voting
Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HIGDON LEO I JR THE EATON VANCE BUILDING 255 STATE STREET BOSTON, MA 021092617 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Katie McManus, Attorney
in Fact

12/30/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These options vest over a 4 year period at 25% per year.

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