

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)
 01/03/2011

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/03/2011		M	4,000	A \$ 9.6	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)

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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Qualified employee stock option ⁽²⁾	\$ 9.6	01/03/2011		M	0	<u>(2)</u> 04/26/2011	Common Stock	8,000

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

01/04/2011

 **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) 4,000 shares were exercised on January 3, 2011 at \$9.60 per share by Mr. Sullivan. The original 4/26/2001 option was for 15,000 shares at \$14.40 per share. 5,900 shares were vested on 1/1/2004; 6,944 shares were vested 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.

(2) 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 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. On October 28, 2010 1,000 shares were exercised, on November 4, 2010 2,000 shares were exercised, on November 9, 2010 4,000 shares were exercised, on December 1, 2010 7,500 shares were exercised and on January 3, 2011 4,000 shares were exercised at \$9.60 per share, leaving a balance of 4,000 shares.

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