

Vlak August M.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Vlak August M.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/10/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

NAUGATUCK, CT 06770

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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			
Common Stock	08/10/2018		P	3,500 A \$ 26.58	10,576	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2018 <sup>(1)</sup>		P	300 A 11	10,876	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
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 19.1	03/02/2017		A	20,000	(2) 03/02/2022	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 24.9	02/07/2018		A	20,000	(3) 02/08/2023	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vlax August M. 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770			President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/August M.  
Vlax

08/15/2018

\*\*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) 300 shares acquired at various prices for the period 1/1/2018 through 5/14/2018 under The Eastern Company Dividend Investment Plan and The Eastern Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) On March 2, 2017, 20,000 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of The Eastern Company 2010 Executive Stock Incentive Plan and a stock appreciation rights agreement, at an exercise price of \$19.10 per SAR. These SARs shall vest and become exercisable as follows (provided the reporting person remains an employee of the issuer on each applicable vesting date, and the issuer meets certain performance thresholds prescribed in the stock appreciation rights agreement): 6,667 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2018; 6,667 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2019; and 6,666 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2020.

(3) On February 7, 2018, 20,000 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of The Eastern Company 2010 Executive Stock Incentive Plan and a stock appreciation rights agreement, at an exercise price of \$24.90 per SAR. These SARs shall vest and become exercisable as follows (provided the reporting person remains an employee of the issuer on each applicable

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vesting date, and the issuer meets certain performance thresholds prescribed in the stock appreciation rights agreement): 20,000 of the granted SARs vest on February 7, 2021.

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