

SULLIVAN JOHN L III  
Form 4  
December 27, 2010

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
12/23/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock <u>(1)</u>            | 12/23/2010                              |                                                             | S                                    | 30 D                                                                       | \$ 18 31,098                                                                                                       | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u>            | 12/27/2010                              |                                                             | S                                    | 488 D                                                                      | \$ 18 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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Qualified employee stock option <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 9.6                                                 | 04/26/2001                           |                                                    | A                              | 0                                                                                       | <sup>(3)</sup> 04/26/2011                                | Common Stock                                                  | 8,000                                                       |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/John L.  
Sullivan III 12/27/2010

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) On December 23, 2010, 30 shares sold on the open market for \$18.00 per share.

(2) On December 27, 2010, 488 shares sold on the open market for \$18.00 per share.

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 (3) 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 and on December 1, 2010 7,500 shares were exercised at \$9.60 per share, leaving a balance of 8,000 shares.

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