

HOSTER DAVID H II  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
HOSTER DAVID H II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC  
[EGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
190 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SUITE 400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

JACKSON, MS 39201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/07/2011		A		17,095	A	<u>(1)</u> 293,289
Common Stock	03/07/2012		F		1,076	D	\$ 48.89 <u>(2)</u> 292,213
Common Stock	03/07/2012		A		17,095	A	<u>(3)</u> 309,308
Common Stock	03/07/2012		F		1,344	D	\$ 48.89 <u>(4)</u> 307,964 <u>(5)</u>

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Common Stock	2,430	I	Spouse <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	750	I	By IRA

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOSTER DAVID H II 190 EAST CAPITOL STREET SUITE 400 JACKSON, MS 39201	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for David H. Hoster II  
Date: 03/09/2012

\_\_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) Award of restricted shares as 2011 annual long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. These restricted shares vest one-fifth on the date of grant, one-fifth on each of January 1, 2013 and 2014 and the remainder of

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the restricted shares vest January 1, 2015.

- (2) On March 7, 2012, 3,419 restricted shares vested and the Reporting Person instructed the Company to withhold 1,076 shares to cover tax withholding obligations as permitted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (3) Award of restricted shares as 2011 multi-year long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. These restricted shares vest one-fourth on the date of grant, and one-fourth on each of January 1, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (4) On March 7, 2012, 4,274 restricted shares vested and the Reporting Person instructed the Company to withhold 1,344 shares to cover tax withholding obligations as permitted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (5) As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 68,883 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.
- (6) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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