

SULLIVAN JOHN L III  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 09/25/2009

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  
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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  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 09/25/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 10.17                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,250  | 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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified employee stock option <u>(2)</u> | \$ 10.17   | 12/15/1999                           |  | M                              | 2,500  | 12/15/1999 12/15/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |
| Qualified employee stock option <u>(3)</u>     | \$ 9.5   | 07/19/2000                           |  | A                              | 0  | <u>(3)</u> 07/19/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 30,000                     |
| Qualified employee stock option <u>(4)</u>     | \$ 9.6   | 04/26/2001                           |  | A                              | 0  | <u>(4)</u> 04/26/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 22,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John L. Sullivan III 09/28/2009

\*\*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) 2,500 shares were exercised on September 25, 2009 at \$10.17 per shares. Original 12/15/1999 option was for 10,000 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now for 15,000 shares at \$10.17 per share. On July 6, 2009, 2,500 shares were exercised, on September 1, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised and on September 25, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised at \$10.17 per share leaving a balance of 7,500 shares.

(2) Original 12/15/1999 option was for 10,000 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now for 15,000 shares at \$10.17 per share. On July 6, 2009, 2,500 shares were exercised, on September 1, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised

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exercised and on September 25, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised at \$10.17 per share leaving a balance of 7,500 shares.

Original 7/19/2000 option was for 20,000 shares at \$14.25 per share. 4,810 shares were vested on 1/1/2001; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2002; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2003, and the remaining 1,156 shares were vested on 1/1/2004. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now for 30,000 shares at \$9.50 per share.

- (3)
- 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.
- (4)

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