

Vlak August M.
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

112 BRIDGE STREET

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NAUGATUCK, CT 06770

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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2017 | Â | A | 276 | A | \$ ⁽¹⁾ 7,076 | D | Â | |

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) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 19.1 | 03/02/2017 ⁽²⁾ | Â | A | 0 (2) Â | Â | Â ⁽²⁾ | 03/02/2022 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/August M. Vlak 01/26/2018

**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) 276 shares acquired at various prices for the period 5/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 under The Eastern Company Dividend Investment Plan and The Eastern Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 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.

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