

SULLIVAN JOHN L III
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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)
 12/11/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 ⁽¹⁾	12/11/2009		M		2,500	A	\$ 10.17
					26,250	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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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, on September 25, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised, on November 9, 2009 2,500 shares, on November 13, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised, and on December 11, 2009 2,500 shares were exercised at \$10.17 per share leaving a zero balance.

- (3) 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.

- (4) 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.

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