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FORM 4

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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 * HENRY CHARLES W | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EASTERN CO [EML] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|-------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (M | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 112 BRIDGE STREET | | | (Month/Day/Year) 08/18/2008 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | |
| NAUGATUCK, CT 06770 | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-Do | erivative S | Securi | ties Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (| (|
| Common Stock (1) | 08/18/2008 | | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 15.5 | 63,389 | D | |
| Common Stock (2) | 08/19/2008 | | S | 6,000 | D | \$ 15.5 | 57,389 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-qualified stock options (3) | \$ 9.33 | 09/09/1998 | | A | 0 | 09/09/1998 | 10/09/2008 | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Non-qualified stock options (4) | \$ 10.17 | 12/15/1999 | | A | 0 | 12/15/1999 | 01/15/2010 | Common Stock | 18,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| HENRY CHARLES W | | | | | | | |
| 112 BRIDGE STREET | X | | | | | | |
| NAUGATUCK, CT 06770 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Charles W. Henry, by Theresa P. Dews his attorney-in-fact

08/19/2008

**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 August 18, 2008, 3,000 shares sold on the open market for \$15.50 per share.
- (2) On August 19, 2008, 6,000 shares sold on the open market for \$15.50 per share.
- (3) The original option on 9/9/1998 was for 10,000 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/19/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 22,500 shares at \$9.33 per share.
- (4) The original 12/15/1999 option was for 12,500 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006 this option is now 18,750 shares at \$10.17 per share.

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