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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1 Name and Address of Departing De

| LEGANZA LEONARD F | | | Symbol EASTERN CO [EML] | | | | Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) SE STREET | (Middle) | 3. Date of (Month/D 09/05/20 | • | ansaction | | | _X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) | 10% | Owner er (specify |
| NAUGATU | (Street) JCK, CT 06770 | | | ndment, Dar th/Day/Year) | U | | | 6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by N Person | • | rson |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | ecurit | ies Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea | r) Execution any | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock (1) | 09/05/2008 | | | M | 28,394 | A | \$ 9.33 | 112,730 | 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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Ai Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-qualified employee stock option (2) | \$ 9.33 | 09/05/2008 | | M | | 28,394 | 09/09/1998 | 09/09/1998 | Common Stock |
| Non-qualified employee stock option (3) | \$ 9.33 | 09/09/2008 | | D | | 28,393.75 | 09/09/1998 | 09/09/1998 | Common Stock |
| Qualified employee stock option (4) | \$ 10.17 | 12/15/1999 | | A | 0 | | 12/15/1999 | 12/15/1999 | Common Stock |
| Non-qualified employee stock option (5) | \$ 10.17 | 12/15/1999 | | A | 0 | | 12/15/1999 | 12/15/1999 | Common Stock |
| Qualified employee stock option (6) | \$ 9.5 | 07/19/2000 | | A | 0 | | <u>(6)</u> | 07/19/2000 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|
| r | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| LEGANZA LEONARD F 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770 | X | | Chairman, President & CEO | | | |

Signatures

| /s/Leonard F. Leganza | 09/09/2008 | |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | |

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- 28,394 shares were exercised on September 5, 2008 at \$9.33 per share. Original 9/9/1998 option was for 25,239 shares at \$21.00 per (1) share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 56,787.75 shares at \$9.33 per share.
- Original 9/9/1998 option was for 25,239 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 56,787.75 shares at \$9.33 per share. On September 5, 2008, 28,394 shares were exercised leaving a balance of 28,393.75 shares.
- Original 9/9/1998 option was for 25,239 shares at \$21.00 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 5/28/1999 and a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 56,787.75 shares at \$9.33 per share. On September 5, 2008, 28,394 shares were exercised. On September 9, 2008 the remaining 28,393.75 shares lapsed.
- (4) Original 12/15/1999 option was for 13,114 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 19,671 shares at \$10.17 per share.
- Original 12/15/1999 option was for 41,886 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 62,829 shares at \$10.17 per share.
- The original 7/19/2000 option was for 32,500 shares at \$14.25 per share. 7,017 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; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2004 and the remaining 4,432 shares vested on 1/1/2005. As a result of a 3-for2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 48,750 shares at \$9.50 per share.

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