HOSTER DAVID H II

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOSTER DAVID H II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 190 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SUITE 400		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2009	X Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) President and CEO		
(Street) JACKSON, MS 39201			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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 Accion(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/04/2009		M	5,000	A	\$ 20.375	279,724	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2009		S	5,000	D	\$ 33.46	274,724	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2009		M	501	A	\$ 20.375	275,225	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2009		S	501	D	\$ 32.8	274,724	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009		M	4,685	A	\$ 20.375	279,409	D	

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Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	2,585	D	\$ 32.46	276,824	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	500	D	\$ 32.5	276,324	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	100	D	\$ 32.51	276,224	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	100	D	\$ 32.55	276,124	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	300	D	\$ 32.57	275,824	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	200	D	\$ 32.59	275,624	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	100	D	\$ 32.6	275,524	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	100	D	\$ 32.61	275,424	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	200	D	\$ 32.62	275,224	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	100	D	\$ 32.63	275,124	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	200	D	\$ 32.64	274,924	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2009	S	200	D	\$ 32.65	274,724 (1)	D	
Common Stock						2,430	I	Spouse
Common Stock						750	I	By IRA

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. I
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Dei
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Sec
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired			(In
	Derivative				(A) or			
	Security				Disposed of			
					(D)			

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(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Other

					and 5)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 20.375	05/04/2009	M			5,000	(2)	06/22/2009	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.375	05/05/2009	M			501	(2)	06/22/2009	Common Stock	501
Stock Options	\$ 20.375	05/06/2009	M			4,685	(2)	06/22/2009	Common Stock	4,685

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer					

HOSTER DAVID H II 190 EAST CAPITOL STREET SUITE 400 JACKSON, MS 39201

X President and CEO

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Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for David H.
Hoster II

05/06/2009

**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).
- As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 8,400 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended, and 43,671 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.
- (2) The Reporting Person's options reported herein were all part of the same grant. All of the options were exercisable on the date of exercise. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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