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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kwan Tak-Chuen Clarence

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/13/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC, 135 N. LOS ROBLES

AVE. 7TH FLOOR

(Print or Type Responses)

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner __X__ Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PASADENA. CAÂ 91101

(City) (State)

(Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

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3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Expiration Date

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

(Month/Day/Year)

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kwan Tak-Chuen Clarence EAST WEST BANCORP, INC 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CAÂ 91101

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Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact 07/13/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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