

PETSAS WILLIAM D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PETSAS WILLIAM D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC  
[EGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2200 E. CAMELBACK ROAD,  
SUITE 210  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/04/2010

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

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

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/04/2010		A		4,427	A	<u>(1)</u> 69,118
Common Stock	03/04/2010		F		245	D	\$ 36.98 <u>(2)</u> 68,873
Common Stock	03/04/2010		A		3,201	A	<u>(3)</u> 72,074
Common Stock	03/04/2010		A		20,000	A	<u>(4)</u> 92,074 <u>(5)</u>

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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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETSAS WILLIAM D 2200 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 210 PHOENIX, AZ 85016			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for William D. Petsas  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/08/2010  
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 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) Award of restricted shares as 2009 annual long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. These restricted shares vest one-fifth on the date of grant and one-fifth on each of January 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) On March 4, 2010, 886 restricted shares vested and the Reporting Person instructed the Company to withhold 245 shares to cover tax withholding obligations as permitted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (3) Award of restricted shares as 2009 supplemental long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. These restricted shares vest one-fourth on each of January 1, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (4) Award of restricted shares as a retention bonus pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The restricted shares vest as follows provided that the Reporting Person remains in the employ of the Company as of such date: 1,400 shares on January 10,

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2016; 2,600 shares on January 10, 2017; 4,000 shares on January 10, 2018; 5,400 shares on January 10, 2019; and 6,600 shares on January 10, 2020.

- (5) As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 37,014 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.

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