

Labbadia Angelo
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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 *
 Labbadia Angelo

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 112 BRIDGE STREET
 (Street)

NAUGATUCK, CT 06770

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EASTERN CO [EML]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/09/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/09/2017		P	A	\$ 1,398	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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19.1	03/02/2017		A	10,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2022	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Labbadia Angelo 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770			Vice President & COO	

Signatures

/s/Angelo M. Labbadia
 12/22/2017
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On March 2, 2017, 10,000 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of The Eastern Company 2010 Executive Stock Incentive Plan and a stock appreciation rights agreement, at an exercise price of \$19.10 per SAR. These SARs shall vest and become exercisable as follows (provided the reporting person remains an employee of the issuer on each applicable vesting date, and the issuer meets certain performance thresholds prescribed in the stock appreciation rights agreement): 3,334 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2018; 3,333 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2019; and 3,333 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2020.

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