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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vlak August M.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 112 BRIDGE STREET  (Street) NAUGATUCK CT 06770  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EASTERN CO [ EML ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2021	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/04/2021		L		38	A	\$24.51	19,202	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/05/2021		L		34	A	\$26.82	19,236	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	03/15/2021		P	V	8	A	\$26.51	19,244	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	04/06/2021		L		42	A	\$27.51	19,286	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/05/2021		L		31	A	\$29.29	19,317	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	05/10/2021		M		16,667	A	\$19.1	35,984	D	
Class A Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	05/10/2021		D		13,062	D	\$31.21	22,922	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$19.1	05/10/2021		M			16,667	02/01/2020	03/02/2022	Common Stock	16,667	\$0	0	D	
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$24.9	04/27/2021		A		20,000		02/01/2021	02/07/2023	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	20,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares acquired under The Eastern Company Investors Choice Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Sale Plan.
- Represents shares acquired by the reporting person through the reinvestment of dividends under The Eastern Company Investors Choice Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Sale Plan.
- The reporting person received 3,605 shares of common stock upon the net exercise of 16,667 stock appreciation rights (SARs). A total of 13,062 shares of common stock underlying such SARs were withheld in the payment of the exercise price and to satisfy the withholding tax obligation resulting from the exercise.

/s/August M. Vlak 05/20/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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