

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO
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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 *
 DEMERITT STEPHEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 S. WILCOX DRIVE
 (Street)

KINGSPORT, TN 37660

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO [EMN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/01/2008

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)

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	(D)	Price

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	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	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)
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Derivative Security	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units		A		832		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	832 (2)	\$ 54.6
				(2)						
Phantom Stock Units		A		416		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	416 (3)	\$ 0
				(3)						

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEMERRITT STEPHEN R 200 S. WILCOX DRIVE KINGSPORT, TN 37660	X			

Signatures

Brian L. Henry, by Power of Attorney
10/02/2008

**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).
- (1) Phantom stock units credited under the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, each having a value equal to the market value of one share of issuer common stock and payable only in cash after termination of service as a director.
- (2) Voluntary deferral at election of director of portion of director's fees that would otherwise have been paid in cash into the director's stock account of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Automatic deferral of a portion of director's annual retainer fees into the director's stock account of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Includes 112 units credited since April 1, 2008 as hypothetical reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

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