EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HERNANDEZ ROBERT M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO [EMN] (Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

10/01/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

200 S. WILCOX DRIVE (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

KINGSPORT, TN 37660

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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7. Nature of

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivati Security (Instr. 5)

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Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date Number of Shares Phantom 416 Common (1) \$ 0 (1) 416 (2) Stock 10/01/2008 \$0 (2) Stock Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERNANDEZ ROBERT M 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) Automatic deferral of a portion of director's annual retainer fees into the director's stock account of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) Includes 24 units credited since April 1, 2008 as hypothetical reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

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