EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEMERITT STEPHEN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO [EMN]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

200 S. WILCOX DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2008

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

(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

below)

KINGSPORT, TN 37660

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of (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 Security					Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5)	sed 3, 4,					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	10/01/2008	A		832 (2)		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	832 (2)	\$ 54.6
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	10/01/2008	A		416 (3)		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	416 (3)	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DEMERITT 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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