FERGUSON J BRIAN

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FERGUSON J BRIAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO [EMN]

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY, 200 SOUTH WILCOX

(First)

DRIVE

(Street)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

10/28/2008

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

KINGSPORT, TN 37660-5075

(State) (Zip) (City)

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)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8)	Securities Acquired (2 Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.6	10/28/2008		A		110,900		10/28/2009(1)	10/27/2018	Common Stock	110

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Funder Frances	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
FERGUSON J BRIAN EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY 200 SOUTH WILCOX DRIVE KINGSPORT, TN 37660-5075	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO					

Signatures

Brian L. Henry, by Power of Attorney

10/30/2008

**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) One-third of the option becomes exercisable on October 28, 2009, October 28, 2010, and October 28, 2011, respectively.

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