

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC  
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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 \*  
 HOSTER DAVID H II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE, 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/08/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

JACKSON, MS 39201

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		
Common Stock	03/08/2007		A		13,030	A	<u>(1)</u> 229,268 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock							2,430	I Spouse <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock							750	I By IRA

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Options	\$ 22					(4) 10/08/2007	Common Stock	14,500
Stock Options	\$ 20.375					(4) 06/22/2009	Common Stock	40,186

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOSTER DAVID H II 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET JACKSON, MS 39201	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for David H. Hoster II 03/12/2007

\*\*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) Award of restricted shares as 2006 annual long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. These restricted shares vest one-fifth on the date of grant and one-fifth on each of January 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

(2) In addition to the award of restricted shares reported herein, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership also includes 25,200 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended, and an additional 20,452 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.

(3) The Reporting Person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 2,250 shares of common stock owned by his children and included in the Reporting Person's prior ownership reports.

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(4) All of the options are currently exercisable.

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