

DEMERITT STEPHEN R
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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

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

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2012

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

KINGSPORT, TN 37660
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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		
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M	4,000	A \$ 15.07	12,822 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S	4,000	D \$ 54.7	8,822	D

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)

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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 (Instr. 8)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.07 <u>(2)</u>	02/21/2012		M	4,000 <u>(2)</u>	05/01/2005 04/30/2013	Common Stock	4,000 <u>(2)</u>

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Brian L. Henry, by Power of Attorney 02/23/2012

**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) Includes 4,411 shares acquired in the October, 3, 2011 2-for-1 stock split by dividend of the common stock, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of shares of common stock doubling.
- (2) The option exercise price was halved and the number of shares underlying the option was doubled in the October 3, 2011 2-for-1 stock split by dividend of the common stock.

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