Vlak August M. Form 5 January 26, 2018

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Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vlak August M.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
		(Middle)	EASTERN CO [EML] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
112 BRIDGE STREET			12/31/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
				(check applicable line)		
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(City)

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(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Sec	curitie	s Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Acquired (A) or		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned at end	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				Amount	(D)	Titte			
Common Stock (1)	12/31/2017	Â	A	276	A	\$ (1)	7,076	D	Â

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

(Zip)

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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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De Se	Fitle of rivative curity str. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{j}}$	ock opreciation ghts	\$ 19.1	03/02/2017(2)	Â	A	$\frac{0}{2}$ Â	(2)	03/02/2022	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Vlak August M. 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	Â	Â	President & CEO	Â				

Signatures

/s/August M.
Vlak

**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) 276 shares acquired at various prices for the period 5/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 under The Eastern Company Dividend Investment Plan and The Eastern Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

On March 2, 2017, 20,000 stock appreciation rights ("SARs") were granted to the reporting person pursuant to the terms of The Eastern Company 2010 Executive Stock Incentive Plan and a stock appreciation rights agreement, at an exercise price of \$19.10 per SAR. These SARs shall vest and become exercisable as follows (provided the reporting person remains an employee of the issuer on each applicable

vesting date, and the issuer meets certain performance thresholds prescribed in the stock appreciation rights agreement): 6,667 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2018; 6,667 of the granted SARs vest on February 1, 2020.

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