

PETSAS WILLIAM D
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
PETSAS WILLIAM D

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)
2200 E. CAMELBACK ROAD,
SUITE 210
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

PHOENIX, AZ 85016

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2008 | | F | 304 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 35.58 | 55,071 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2009 | | F | 491 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 35.58 | 54,580 ⁽²⁾ | 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)

| 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PETSAS WILLIAM D 2200 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 210 PHOENIX, AZ 85016 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for William D. Petsas
 01/05/2009

__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) 6,969 restricted shares vested on December 31, 2008 and an additional 1,706 restricted shares vested on January 1, 2009. In connection with each respective vesting date, the Reporting Person elected to have the Company withhold shares to satisfy the Company's tax withholding obligation as permitted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended and the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

(2) As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 3,000 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended, and 4,247 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.

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