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EASTERN CO Form 8-K February 25, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 9, 2005
----(Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company
----(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 0-599 06-0330020
----(State of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation) Identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770
----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(203) 729-2255

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

ITEM 1.01 - Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 9, 2005, The Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of The Eastern Company (the "Company") approved the 2005 Executive Incentive Program under the Company's Executive Incentive Plan (the "Plan") for the Named Executive Officers, Leonard F. Leganza, President and Chief Executive Officer and John L. Sullivan III, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The 2005 Executive Incentive Plan is based on both Division Earnings (75%) and Working Capital (25%) achievements. Under the Plan Mr. Leganza and Mr. Sullivan can earn their incentive, with unlimited potential, based on achieving those targets.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

The Eastern Company

Date: February 25, 2005 By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III

Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer