LEGANZA LEONARD F

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LEGANZA LEONARD F Issuer Symbol EASTERN CO [EML] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 112 BRIDGE STREET 12/15/2009 below) Chairman, President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NAUGATUCK, CT 06770

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-L	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	12/15/2009		M	19,671	A	\$ 10.17	110,124	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uired (A) visposed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Qualified employee stock option (2)	\$ 10.17	12/15/2009		M		19,671	12/15/1999	12/15/1999	Common Stock	19,
Non-qualified employee stock option (3)	\$ 10.17	12/15/1999		D		62,829	12/15/1999	12/15/1999	Common Stock	62,
Qualified employee stock option (4)	\$ 9.5	07/19/2000		A	0		<u>(4)</u>	07/19/2000	Common Stock	48,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEGANZA LEONARD F 112 BRIDGE STREET NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	X		Chairman, President & CEO				

Signatures

/s/Leonard F.
Leganza

**Signature of Reporting Person

12/16/2009

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) 19,671 shares were exercised on December 15, 2009 at \$10.17 per share. Original 12/15/1999 option was for 13,114 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 19,671 shares at \$10.17 per share.
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- Original 12/15/1999 option was for 41,886 shares at \$15.25 per share. As a result of a 3-for-2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 62,829 shares at \$10.17 per share. On December 15, 2009 these options lapsed.

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The original 7/19/2000 option was for 32,500 shares at \$14.25 per share. 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2001; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2002; 7,017 shares were vested on 1/1/2004 and the remaining 4,432 shares vested on 1/1/2005. As a result of a 3-for2 stock split effective 10/18/2006, this option is now 48,750 shares at \$9.50 per share.

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