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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| HOSTER DAVID H II | | | Symbol EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP] | | | | | Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|--------|-------------|---|--|----------------------|--|
| | (First) (IACKSON PLACITOL STREET | (1 | 3. Date of Month/D | • | ansaction | | | _X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below) | | Owner er (specify | |
| | (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mo | | | endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| JACKSON, | MS 39201 | | | | | | | Person | Tore than one Re | porting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | ispose | d 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) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/07/2005 | | | M | 1,000 | A | \$ 14.58 | 178,677 (1) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,430 | I | Spouse | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 2,250 | I | Children | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 750 | I | By IRA | |

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. Transactic 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options | \$ 14.58 | 10/07/2005 | | M | 1,000 | 06/19/1997(2) | 06/18/2007 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.92 | | | | | 02/03/1998(2) | 02/02/2007 | Common Stock | 24,420 |
| Stock Options | \$ 22 | | | | | 10/09/1998(2) | 10/08/2007 | Common Stock | 54,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.375 | | | | | 06/23/2000(2) | 06/22/2009 | Common Stock | 40,186 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| HOSTER DAVID H II 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET JACKSON, MS 39201 | X | | President and CEO | | | |

Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for David H.
Hoster II

10/11/2005

**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).

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Includes 6,753 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 44,157 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended.

(2) Exercisable with respect to one-half the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and one-half on the second anniversary of the date of grant.

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