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Registration No. 333-

U. S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation
or Organization)

13-2711135
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

300 One Jackson Place
188 East Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

EastGroup Properties, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan
(Full Title of the Plan)

David H. Hoster II, Chief Executive Officer and President
300 One Jackson Place
188 East Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

(601) 354-3555
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Copy to:
Joseph P. Kubarek, Esq.
Jaekle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP
12 Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, New York 14202
(716) 856-0600

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities To Be Registered | Amount To Be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1) |
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| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share (2) (3) | 1,900,000 | Various | \$ 64,343,500 |
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- (1) Determined in accordance with Rule 457(h)(1) and 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the average of the high and low reported sales prices on the New York Stock Exchange on July 8, 2004.
- (2) Includes associated rights to purchase Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement dated as of December 3, 1998.
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares that may be offered and issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions as provided in the EastGroup Properties, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed to register 1,900,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock"), of EastGroup Properties, Inc. which have been reserved for issuance under the EastGroup Properties, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in this Part I will be sent or given to employees participating in the plan described herein as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with the instructions to Part I of Form S-8, such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute the prospectus as required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

EastGroup Properties, Inc. (the "Registrant") hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents filed by it with the Commission:

- o Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.
- o Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.
- o Our Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Commission on April 20, 2004, incorporating by reference the Registrant's April 19, 2004 press release, setting forth the Registrant's first quarter 2004

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earnings.

- o Our Registration Statement on Form 8-B, as filed with the Commission on June 5, 1997, describing the Registrant's common stock, and all amendments and reports updating that description.

In addition, all documents filed by the Registrant subsequent to the date hereof pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part thereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable (the Common Stock is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act).

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

EastGroup's Articles of Incorporation, as amended ("Charter"), contain a provision authorizing EastGroup to indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law, its directors and officers, whether serving EastGroup or, at its request, any other entity. Additionally, the Charter provides that to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law, no director or officer shall be liable to EastGroup or its stockholders for money damages.

Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "Indemnification Statute"), the law of the state in which EastGroup is organized, empowers a corporation, subject to certain limitations, to indemnify its officers and directors against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and expenses, actually and reasonably incurred by them in any suit or proceeding to which they are parties. Indemnification, however, is not permitted if the act or omission of the officer or director was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith, or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty. Additionally, indemnification is not permitted if the officer or director received an improper personal benefit or, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, the officer or director had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Finally, indemnification is not permitted if a director or officer is found liable in a proceeding brought by or in the right of the corporation.

EastGroup has entered into an indemnification agreement (the "Indemnification Agreement") with each of its directors and officers, and the Board of Directors has authorized EastGroup to enter into an Indemnification Agreement with each of the future directors and officers of EastGroup. The Indemnification Statute permits a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers; however, it also authorizes other arrangements for indemnification of

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directors and officers, including insurance. The Indemnification Agreement is intended to provide indemnification to the maximum extent allowed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

The Indemnification Agreement provides that EastGroup shall indemnify a director or officer who is a party to the Agreement (the "Indemnitee") if he or she was or is a party to or otherwise involved in any proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she was or is a director or officer of EastGroup, or was or is serving at its request in a certain capacity of another entity, against losses incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding. The provisions in the Indemnification Agreement are similar to those provided in the Indemnification Statute. According to the Indemnification Agreement, however, an Indemnitee who pays any amount in settlement of a proceeding without EastGroup's written consent is not entitled to indemnification.

Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 5 | Opinion of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered (filed herewith). |
| 23.1 | Consent of KPMG LLP (filed herewith). |
| 23.2 | Consent of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP (included in Exhibit 5). |
| 24 | Power of Attorney (included on signature page). |
| 99 | EastGroup Properties, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix D to the proxy material for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders). |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act, as amended;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than

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a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Jackson, State of Mississippi, on July 12, 2004.

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES, INC.

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By: /s/ N. KEITH MCKEY

N. Keith McKey
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned directors and officers of EastGroup Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint David H. Hoster II and N. Keith McKey, each and either of them, our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to do any and all acts and things in our names and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our name in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents may deem necessary or advisable to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in connection with this Registration Statement, or any Registration Statement for this offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, including specifically, but without limitation, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto; and we hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement and the foregoing Powers of Attorney have been signed by the following persons in the capacities and as of the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
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| /s/ LELAND R. SPEED ----- Leland R. Speed | Chairman of the Board | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ DAVID H. HOSTER II ----- David H. Hoster II | Chief Executive Officer, President and Director | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ N. KEITH MCKEY ----- N. Keith McKey | Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ BRUCE CORKERN ----- Bruce Corkern | Senior Vice President and Controller | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ D. PIKE ALOIAN ----- D. Pike Aloian | Director | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ ALEXANDER G. ANAGNOS ----- Alexander G. Anagnos | Director | July 12, 2004 |

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| /s/ H.C. BAILEY, JR. ----- H.C. Bailey, Jr. | Director | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ HAYDEN C. EAVES III ----- Hayden C. Eaves III | Director | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ FREDRIC H. GOULD ----- Fredric H. Gould | Director | July 12, 2004 |
| /s/ DAVID M. OSNOS ----- David M. Osnos | Director | July 12, 2004 |

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