

BAILEY H C JR  
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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 \*  
BAILEY H C JR

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)  
162 E. AMITE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/21/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

JACKSON, MS 39201  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	05/21/2009		M			2,250	A	\$ 20.25	15,040	D	
Common Stock									5,248	I	Note <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock									3,736	I	Note <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock									2,116	I	Note <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock									2,116	I	Note <u>(4)</u>

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 20.25	05/21/2009		M	2,250	06/02/1999 06/01/2009	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 21.75					06/01/2000 05/31/2010	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 21.4					06/04/2001 06/03/2011	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 24.02					05/29/2002 05/28/2012	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options	\$ 26.6					05/29/2003 05/28/2013	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAILEY H C JR 162 E. AMITE STREET JACKSON, MS 39201		X		

## Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for H. C. Bailey, Jr. 05/21/2009

\*\*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) Owned by a company of which the reporting person is Chairman and President.
- (2) Owned by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is a limited partner.
- (3) Owned by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is President.
- (4) Owned by a limited partnership of which the reporting person is Vice President.

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