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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HOSTER DAVID H II

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HOSTER DAVID II II			Symbol EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP]				INC	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 190 EAST CAPITOL STREET, SUITE 400			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2012					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President and CEO			
JACKSON,	(Street) MS 39201			ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	_	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 5) Price	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	12/19/2012			F	7,344	D	\$ 53.24 <u>(1)</u>	226,594 (2)	D		
Common Stock								52,911	I	By Family Trust (3)	
Common Stock								2,430	I	Spouse (4)	
Common Stock								750	I	By IRA	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	1		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
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									Amount	
						Date Expirati Exercisable Date	Expiration		or	
							Date		Number	
				G 1 1	7 (A) (B)				of	
				Code V	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

HOSTER DAVID H II 190 EAST CAPITOL STREET SUITE 400 JACKSON, MS 39201

X President and CEO

Signatures

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

12/20/2012

**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) On December 19, 2012, 23,356 restricted shares vested and the Reporting Person instructed the Company to withhold 7,344 shares to cover tax withholding obligations as permitted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.
- As of the date hereof, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 45,527 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.
- These shares are held in a family trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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