

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 COLEMAN JOHN F

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)

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

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

300 ONE JACKSON PLACE, 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET

03/10/2006

Senior Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

JACKSON, MS 39201

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | A | | 4,515 | A | <u>(1)</u> 34,317 D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2006 | | A | | 11,908 | A | <u>(2)</u> 46,225 ⁽³⁾ 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)

| 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 | \$ 23.05 | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable: 08/30/2002 ⁽⁴⁾ Expiration Date: 08/29/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COLEMAN JOHN F 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET JACKSON, MS 39201 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for John F. Coleman
Date: 03/13/2006

__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) Award of restricted shares as 2005 annual long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. These restricted shares vest one-third on the date of grant, one-third on January 1, 2007 and one-third on January 1, 2008.
- (2) Award of restricted shares as multi-year long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. These restricted shares vest one-third on December 31, 2006, one-third on December 31, 2007 and one-third on December 31, 2008.
- (3) Includes an additional 1,555 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 12,000 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.
- (4) 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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