

Nelson Greg W.
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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 *
Nelson Greg W.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO [EMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 SOUTH WILCOX DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/01/2009

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Technology Officer

KINGSPORT, TN 37660

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	04/01/2009	A		205 <u>(2)</u>		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	205 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Greg W. 200 SOUTH WILCOX DRIVE KINGSPORT, TN 37660			SVP & Chief Technology Officer	

Signatures

Brian L. Henry, by Power of Attorney
 04/03/2009
**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).
- Phantom stock units credited under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, each having a value equal to the market value of one
- (1) share of issuer common stock and payable only in cash and, subject to certain acceleration and early withdrawal provisions, after termination of employment.
 - (2) Automatic deferral of the portion of annual issuer defined contribution which could not be contributed into 401(k) retirement plan due to Internal Revenue Code restrictions.
 - (3) Includes 6 units credited since August 1, 2008 as hypothetical reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

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