EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPEED LELAND R | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) 300 ONE JAC EAST CAPIT | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2006 | X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman |
| JACKSON, M | (Street) AS 39201 | | 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Stock

Stock

Common

05/05/2006

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficia | lly 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 14.58 | 192,942 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 45.8 | 191,742 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | | S | 800 | D | \$ 45.85 | 190,942 | D | |
| Common | 05/05/2006 | | S | 600 | D | \$ 45.80 | 190,342 | D | |

6,000

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45.89

\$ 45.9 184,342

D

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| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 45.91 | 183,942 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 45.94 | 183,742 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | S | 700 | D | \$ 45.95 | 183,042 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 45.99 | 182,942 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | M | 7,000 | A | \$ 14.58 | 189,942 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 2,200 | D | \$ 45.7 | 187,742 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 45.71 | 187,242 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 2,800 | D | \$ 45.75 | 184,442 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 45.77 | 184,242 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 45.8 | 183,242 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 45.92 | 183,142 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 45.94 | 182,942 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 27,288 | I | By the Reporting Person's spouse |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) | | |
| | Derivative | | | | or Disposed of | | |
| | Security | | | | (D) | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | |
| | | | | | and 5) | | |

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| | | | Code | V (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------|-------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 14.58 | 05/05/2006 <u>(2)</u> | M | | 17,000 (2) | 06/19/1997(1) | 06/18/2006 | Common Stock | 17,000 (2) |
| Stock Options | \$ 17.92 | | | | | 02/03/1998(1) | 02/02/2007 | Common Stock | 21,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 22 | | | | | 10/09/1998(1) | 10/08/2007 | Common Stock | 26,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 20.375 | | | | | 06/23/2000(1) | 06/22/2009 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| SPEED LELAND R 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET JACKSON, MS 39201 | X | | Chairman | | | | |

Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, attorney-in-fact for Leland R. Speed

05/09/2006

**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) 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.
- (2) The Reporting Person exercised options with respect to 10,000 shares on May 5, 2006 and options with respect to 7,000 shares on May 8,

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