

East West Bancorp, Inc.
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Item 8.01 Other Events

Effective March 8, 2017, Dominic Ng, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of East West Bancorp, Inc. and East West Bank (collectively, the “Company”), adopted a stock trading plan (the “10b5-1 Plan”). The 10b5-1 Plan has been adopted pursuant to the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Under the 10b5-1 Plan, a broker-dealer is authorized to sell up to 157,000 shares of the Company’s common stock held by Mr. Ng, which may include shares acquired through Mr. Ng’s participation in one or more of the Company’s equity compensation plans. Shares may be sold under the 10b5-1 Plan on the open market at prevailing market prices and subject to minimum price thresholds specified in the 10b5-1 Plan. The 10b5-1 Plan terminates on May 26, 2017.

The purpose of the 10b5-1 Plan is to provide liquidity and investment diversification. In accordance with the 10b5-1 rules, Mr. Ng will have no discretion over the sales of his shares of common stock under the 10b5-1 Plan. Any transactions under the 10b5-1 Plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission when due.

Except as may be required by law, the Company does not undertake to report Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any officers or directors in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced trading plan.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 8, 2017
EAST WEST BANCORP,
INC.

By: /s/ Douglas P. Krause
Douglas P. Krause, Esq.,
Executive Vice President
and General Counsel