

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
 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 *
NG DOMINIC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

EAST WEST BANK, 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PASADENA, CA 91101

(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/11/2006 | | M | | | 27,000 | A | \$ 5 | 303,336 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/11/2006 | | S | | | 27,000 | D | \$ 39.6592 (1) | 276,336 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/12/2006 | | M | | | 13,000 | A | \$ 5 | 289,336 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/12/2006 | | S | | | 13,000 | D | \$ 39.7912 (2) | 276,336 | D | |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5 | 09/11/2006 | | M | 27,000 | 06/25/1999 ⁽³⁾ 06/25/2008 | Common Stock | 27,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5 | 09/12/2006 | | M | 13,000 | 06/25/1999 ⁽³⁾ 06/25/2008 | Common Stock | 13,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NG DOMINIC EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/12/2006

__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) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$39.60 to \$39.78. Sold pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.

(2) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$39.70 to \$39.91. Sold pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.

(3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 25, 1999.

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