

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SPEED LELAND R

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE, 188
 EAST CAPITOL STREET
 (Street)
 JACKSON, MS 39201
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC [EGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	12/18/2006		G	V	3,000	D	206,731	D
Common Stock						I	27,288	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 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	\$ 22					10/09/1998 ⁽²⁾ 10/08/2007	Common Stock	26,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.375					06/23/2000 ⁽²⁾ 06/22/2009	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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

12/22/2006

__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) Bona fide gift of securities.

(2) 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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