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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

Common

Stock

12/08/2010

(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]

(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2010

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) Chief Executive Officer

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

PASADENA, CA 91101

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

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

\$ 18.2

393,460

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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	12/07/2010		M	4,967	A	\$ 12.945	398,427	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2010		S	4,967	D	\$ 18.5004	393,460	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M	4,200	A	\$ 12.945	397,660	D	

4,200

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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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.945	12/07/2010		M	4,967	01/23/2003(1)	01/23/2012	Common Stock	4,967
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.945	12/08/2010		M	4,200	01/23/2003(1)	01/23/2012	Common Stock	4,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NG DOMINIC EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	X		Chief Executive Officer			

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 23, 2003.

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