

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**EAST WEST BANK, 415
 HUNTINGTON DRIVE**

(Street)

SAN MARINO, CA 91108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2006

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)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	Amount or Price			
Restricted Common stock ⁽¹⁾	03/09/2006		A	41,000	A	\$ 0 278,442	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	2,332	D	<u>(2)</u> 276,110	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2006		M	30,000	A	\$ 5 306,110	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2006		S	30,000	D	<u>(4)</u> 276,110	D	

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Common Stock	\$ 36.87	03/09/2006		A	45,000	(3)		03/09/2013		Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	03/13/2006		M	30,000	06/25/1999 ⁽⁵⁾		06/25/2008		Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NG DOMINIC EAST WEST BANK 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE SAN MARINO, CA 91108	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/10/2006

__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) Performance restricted stock vesting in 2 years. Number of shares that will vest depends on meeting performance criteria. 41,000 shares is for the performance maximum if pre-established earnings per share performance goals are met.
- (2) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$37.00 to \$37.04
- (3) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on March 9, 2008.

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- (4) Sales prices of securities sold ranged from \$37.25 to \$37.65.
- (5) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on June 25,1999

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