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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 17, 2017 (Date of earliest event reported)

The Eastern Company (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut 0-599 06-0330020 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) identification No.)

112 Bridge Street, Naugatuck, Connecticut 06770 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

> (203) 729-2255 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Section 1 – Registrant's Business and Operations

ITEM 1.01 – Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 17, 2017, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of The Eastern Company (the "Company") approved the 2017 Executive Incentive Program under the Company's Executive Incentive Plan (the "Plan") for the Named Executive Officers, John L. Sullivan III, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Angelo M. Labbadia, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The 2017 Executive Incentive Plan is based on Division Earnings (70%) and Working Capital (30%).

On February 17, 2017, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved an incentive compensation plan for Mr. August Vlak, President & Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Vlak is eligible for an annual bonus, which is 80% based on the Company's earnings per share performance and 20% based on the Company's working capital performance.

SIGNATURES

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.

The Eastern Company

Date: February 17,

2017

By: /s/John L. Sullivan III

John L. Sullivan III

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer