

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
 CHOW DONALD SANG

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/30/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

PASADENA, CA 91101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)		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 Price			
Common Stock	10/30/2008		S	5,000	D	\$ 16.25 49,469	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2008		M	5,000	A	\$ 12.0937 54,469	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2008		S	5,000	D	\$ 16.25 49,469	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2008		M	5,000	A	\$ 12.945 54,469	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2008		S	5,000	D	\$ 16.5 49,469	D	

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Common Stock	10/31/2008	M	6,000	A	\$ 12.945	55,469	D
Common Stock	10/31/2008	S	6,000	D	\$ 17	49,469	D
Common Stock	10/31/2008	M	5,000	A	\$ 12.945	54,469	D
Common Stock	10/31/2008	S	5,000	D	\$ 16.75	49,469	D

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.0937	10/30/2008		M	5,000	01/16/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/16/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.945	10/30/2008		M	5,000	01/23/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/23/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.945	10/31/2008		M	11,000	01/23/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/23/2012	Common Stock	11,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHOW DONALD SANG EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/03/2008

\_\_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) The options vest in four equal annual installment beginning on January 16, 2002.
  - (2) The options vest in four equal annual installment beginning on January 23, 2003.

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