

EASTGROUP PROPERTIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MCKEY N KEITH**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**300 ONE JACKSON PLACE, 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/10/2006**

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

**JACKSON, MS 39201**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) (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	03/10/2006		A	6,863	D	<u>(1)</u>	111,451	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006		A	18,281	A	<u>(2)</u>	129,732 <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock							5,786 <sup>(4)</sup>	I
								By IRA

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCKEY N KEITH 300 ONE JACKSON PLACE 188 EAST CAPITOL STREET JACKSON, MS 39201			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Michael C. Donlon, Attorney-in-Fact for N. Keith McKey  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/13/2006

\*\*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) Award of restricted shares as 2005 annual long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. These restricted shares vest one-third on the date of grant, one-third on January 1, 2007 and one-third on January 1, 2008.
- (2) Award of restricted shares as multi-year long-term incentive compensation pursuant to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. These restricted shares vest one-third on December 31, 2006, one-third on December 31, 2007 and one-third on December 31, 2008.
- (3) Includes an additional 2,367 restricted shares granted under the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and 24,000 restricted shares granted under the Company's 1994 Management Incentive Plan, as amended, that have not yet vested.
- (4) Includes an additional 61 shares acquired under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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