EAST WEST BANCORP INC

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LIU JACK C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2005

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC., 415

(Street)

(State)

HUNTINGTON DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Secur		•	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
							Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/04/2005		M	2,800	A	\$ 5	6,359	D	
Common Stock	08/04/2005		S	2,800	D	\$ 34.75	3,559	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number tion Derivative Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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)	\$ 5	08/04/2005		M	2,800	07/21/2000(1)	07/21/2009	Common Stock	2,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

LIU JACK C EAST WEST BANCORP, INC. 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE SAN MARINO, CA 91108

X

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause, Attorney-in-Fact 08/05/2005

**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 installments beginning on July 21, 2000

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