

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 8.01 – Other Events

On May 3, 2018, The Eastern Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program authorizing the Company to repurchase up to 200,000 shares of its common stock through May 2, 2023.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Title

99.1 Press Release dated May 3, 2018 announcing a share repurchase program.

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: May 3, 2018 /s/John L. Sullivan III
John L. Sullivan III
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer