

EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO
Form 8-K
September 17, 2007

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):
September 14, 2007**

EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-12626
(Commission File
Number)

62-1539359
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**200 South Wilcox Drive, Kingsport,
TN**
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

37660
(Zip Code)

(423) 229-2000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.06 – Material Impairments

As previously reported, the Company has been evaluating various strategic options that include restructuring, divestiture or consolidation of its PET manufacturing assets outside the United States.

On September 14, 2007, Eastman Chemical Company entered into an agreement to sell its non-integrated PET polymers manufacturing sites in Cosoleacaque, Veracruz, México and Zarate, Argentina and related polyester resin business to ALFA, S.A.B. de C.V. The Company's press release announcing the agreement to sell these assets is included as an exhibit to this filing. The sale is subject to customary conditions to closing, including regulatory approvals, and is expected to be completed in fourth quarter 2007. Management expects non-cash asset impairments and restructuring charges of up to \$90 million, net of tax, to be recognized in third quarter 2007.

In addition, the Company continues to make good progress on strategic actions for the remaining PET manufacturing facilities outside the United States. The Company does not expect asset impairments and restructuring charges related to these actions, but if charges are recognized, expects that they will not be material.

Exhibit 9.01 (d)

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 9.01(d):

Press Release

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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.

Eastman Chemical Company

By: /s/ Curtis E. Espeland-----

Curtis E. Espeland
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: September 17, 2007