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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 7, 2008

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

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Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 7, 2008, the Registrant announced that first-quarter 2008 earnings per share excluding gains and costs related to strategic decisions and actions are expected to be above the high end of the current range of analyst estimates. The full text of the release is furnished as Exhibit 99.01 to this Form 8-K, and is incorporated herein by reference. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits:

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 9.01:

99.01 Public release by the registrant on April 7, 2008 of first quarter 2008 earnings expectations.

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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/ Richard A. Lorraine Richard A.Lorraine Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Date: April 7, 2008