AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HABER EITAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

12/08/2008

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION, 10 ABBA EVEN

ST.

(Street)

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

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
		Security			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.17	12/08/2008		A	180,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2018	Class A Stock	180,000
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.12	12/08/2008		D		15,000	<u>(3)</u>	08/15/2012	Class A Stock	15,000
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.69	12/08/2008		D		45,000	<u>(4)</u>	10/09/2015	Class A Stock	45,000
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.06	12/08/2008		D		30,000	<u>(5)</u>	12/11/2016	Class A Stock	30,000
	Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.35	12/08/2008		D		90,000	<u>(6)</u>	09/02/2017	Class A Stock	90,000

Reporting Owners

	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address		10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HABER EITAN C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION	X				

10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

Signatures

/s/ Eitan Haber	12/10/2008			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date			

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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).
 - This option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: (i) option to purchase 90,000 shares is vested and exercisable on December 8, 2008, (ii) option to purchase 11,250 shares vests and becomes exercisable in installments of 2,812.5 shares, beginning on January 10,
- (1) 2009 and each three month anniversary thereafter, (iii) option to purchase 16,875 shares vests and becomes exercisable in installments of 1,875 shares, beginning on December 12, 2008 and each three month anniversary thereafter, and (iv) option to purchase 61,875 shares vests and becomes exercisable in installments of 5,625 shares, beginning on March 3, 2009 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (2) In connection with the repricing of certain options by the Issuer, the options granted to the reporting person on August 16, 2002, October 10, 2005, December 12, 2006 and September 3, 2007 were cancelled in exchange for a new option with a lower exercise price.
- (3) This option was granted on August 16, 2002 and vested in equal installments of 937.5 shares beginning on November 16, 2002 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (4) This option was granted on October 10, 2005 and vested in equal installments of 2,812.5 shares beginning on January 10, 2006 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (5) This option was granted on December 12, 2006 and vested in equal installments of 1,875 shares beginning on March 12, 2007 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (6) This option was granted on September 3, 2007 and vested in equal installments of 5,625 shares beginning on December 3, 2007 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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