

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Reported by
MELTZER EREZ

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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| Symbol | AMPL |
| SIC Code | 6799 - Investors, Not Elsewhere Classified |
| Industry | Misc. Financial Services |
| Sector | Financial |
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Meltzer Erez | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/1/2008 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL] |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION, 10 ABBA EVEN ST. | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO of Gadot Chemical / | |
| (Street) HERZLIYA, L3 46733 | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| None. | 0 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Meltzer Erez C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, L3 46733 | X | | CEO of Gadot Chemical | |

Signatures

/s/ Erez Meltzer

11/10/2008

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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