

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 30)

AMPAL - AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Stock

(Title of Class and Securities)

032015 10 9

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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February 18, 1996

(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Statement)

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(4), check the following: ()

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

BANK HAPOALIM B.M.

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:
(a) ()
(b) ()

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) SOURCE OF FUNDS*

(5) CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) ()

(6) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
ISRAEL

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	(7) SOLE VOTING POWER 10,500,991
	(8) SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	(9) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 10,500,991
	(10) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

(11) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
10,500,991

(12) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 11 EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES* ()

(13) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11
50.4%

(14) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
BK

This statement constitutes Amendment No. 30 to the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Bank Hapoalim B.M. in connection with its beneficial ownership of shares of Class A Stock ("Class A Stock") of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, a New York corporation ("Ampal").

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following:

As previously disclosed by the Bank on January 14, 1996, the Bank has requested certain parties to make proposals to acquire a portion of the Bank's interest in Ampal. On February 18, 1996, the Bank's Board of Directors authorized the Bank's management to negotiate with the Steinmetz family ("Steinmetz") to reach an agreement based on Steinmetz's proposal to acquire a portion of the Bank's interest in Ampal at a price that reflects a valuation of Ampal which exceeds its current market value.

End of Filing