

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MANSUR AMIT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

VP - Investments

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)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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 Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.17	12/08/2008		A	73,000	12/08/2008	12/07/2018	Class A Stock	73,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.69	12/08/2008		D	58,000	<u>(2)</u>	12/01/2013	Class A Stock	58,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.5	12/08/2008		D	15,000	<u>(3)</u>	10/27/2014	Class A Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MANSUR AMIT C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733			VP - Investments	

Signatures

/s/ Amit Mansur 12/10/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (1) In connection with the repricing of certain options by the Issuer, the options granted to the reporting person on December 2, 2003 and October 28, 2004 were cancelled in exchange for a new option with a lower exercise price.
- (2) This option was granted on December 2, 2003 and vested in equal installments of 3,625 shares beginning on March 2, 2004 and each three-month anniversary thereafter.
- (3) This option was granted on October 28, 2004 and vested in equal installments of 937.5 shares beginning on January 28, 2005 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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