

Blakestad Robert B.
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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 *
Blakestad Robert B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Golden Minerals Co [AUMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
350 INDIANA STREET, SUITE 800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/12/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist

(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 Person

GOLDEN, CO 80401

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/12/2010 | | A | | 22,000 (1) \$ 8 47,539 (2) | D | |

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 |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 8 | 04/12/2010 | | A | | 15,000 | | (3) | 04/12/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Blakestad Robert B. 350 INDIANA STREET SUITE 800 GOLDEN, CO 80401 | Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist |

Signatures

/s/ Deborah J. Friedman for Robert B. Blakestad Pursuant to Power of Attorney 04/14/2010

**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) Restricted common stock granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. These restricted shares vest in three equal tranches over three years, commencing April 12, 2011.
- (2) Includes 32,000 shares of restricted common stock.
- (3) These options vest in three equal tranches over three years, commencing April 12, 2011.

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