

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP  
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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 \*  
**FIRON YORAM**

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  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Secy & VP-Inv & Corp Aff

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 Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 1.17  | 12/08/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 258,500  |     | 12/08/2008  | 12/07/2018      | Class A Stock | 258,500                 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 3.12  | 12/08/2008                           |  | D                              |   | 68,500   |     | <sup>(2)</sup>  | 08/15/2012      | Class A Stock | 68,500                  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 3.5   | 12/08/2008                           |  | D                              |   | 190,000  |     | <sup>(3)</sup>  | 10/27/2014      | Class A Stock | 190,000                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| FIRON YORAM<br>C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION<br>10 ABBA EVEN ST.<br>HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733 |               |           | Secy &<br>VP-Inv &<br>Corp Aff |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Yoram Firon 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 August 16, 2002 and October 28, 2004 were cancelled in exchange for a new option with a lower exercise price.
- (2) This option was granted on August 16, 2002 and vested in equal installments of 4,281.25 shares beginning on November 16, 2002 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (3) This option was granted on October 28, 2004 and vested in equal installments of 11,875 shares beginning on January 28, 2005 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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