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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 *
TAFT DAVID A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE, STE 2401

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Applied Minerals, Inc. [AMNL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/06/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/06/2012 | | S(2) | 240,000 D 1.27 | \$ 22,339,053 (1) (2) | I | See Notes 1, 2 and 3. (1) (2) (3) |
| Common Stock | 01/06/2012 | | A(2) | 240,000 A 1.27 | \$ 22,339,053 (1) (2) | I | See Notes 1, 2 and 3. (1) (2) (3) |

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)**

| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. ... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAFT DAVID A ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE STE 2401 BOSTON, MA 02110 | X | X | | |

Signatures

David A. Taft 01/10/2012

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
The reporting person is the president and a member of IBS Capital LLC ("IBS Capital"), which is the general partner of The IBS
(1) Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) ("QP Fund") and The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) ("LP Fund"). IBS Capital is the investment manager of The IBS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. ("Opportunity Fund").
On January 6, 2012, the Opportunity Fund sold 240,000 shares to the QP Fund. After completion of these transactions, the reporting
(2) person indirectly beneficially owned 22,339,053 Shares, which consisted of 22,339,053 Shares indirectly owned by IBS Capital, which consisted of: (i) 12,724,747 Shares directly beneficially owned by the QP Fund; (ii) 5,692,712 Shares directly beneficially owned by the LP Fund; and (iii) 3,921,594 Shares directly beneficially owned by the Opportunity Fund.
(3) The reported securities are directly beneficially owned by QP Fund, the LP Fund and/or the Opportunity Fund. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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