#### AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

August 13, 2008

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director Officer (give title X\_\_ 10% Owner \_ Other (specify

33 HAVAZELET HASHARON

(Street)

**STREET** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

08/11/2008

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Stock	08/11/2008		P <u>(1)</u>	62	A	\$ 5.39	5,090,368 (2)	D	
Class A Stock	08/11/2008		P(1)	1,100	A	\$ 5.42	5,091,468 (2)	D	
Class A Stock	08/11/2008		P(1)	1,064	A	\$ 5.43	5,092,532 (2)	D	
Class A Stock	08/11/2008		P(1)	300	A	\$ 5.44	5,092,832 (2)	D	
Class A Stock	08/11/2008		P(1)	374	A	\$ 5.45	5,093,206 (2)	D	

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Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	500	A	\$ 5.46	5,093,706 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	300	A	\$ 5.48	5,094,006 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	1,800	A	\$ 5.49	5,095,806 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	2,400	A	\$ 5.5	5,098,206 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	169	A	\$ 5.51	5,098,375 <u>(2)</u>	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	1,000	A	\$ 5.52	5,099,375 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	531	A	\$ 5.53	5,099,906 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	300	A	\$ 5.54	5,100,206 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	500	A	\$ 5.55	5,100,706 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	1,000	A	\$ 5.56	5,101,706 (2)	D
Class A Stock	08/11/2008	P(1)	500	A	\$ 5.57	5,102,206 (2)	D

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	ınt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	99 II S S H C C H F T ( (
			Code V	(A) (D)	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105		X					
MAIMAN YOSEF A 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105	X	X	President & CEO				
Signatures							
/s/ Merhav (M.N.F.) Limited By: Yosef A. CEO	08/13/2008						

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date 08/13/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

/s/ Yosef A. Maiman

- \* 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) These purchases were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 13, 2008.
  - The reporting person, an Israeli corporation, is 100% owned by Yosef A. Maiman. Mr. Maiman is a director, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. In addition to the shares reported herein, Mr. Maiman indirectly owns (i) 18,850,153 shares through De Majorca Holdings Ltd. ("De Majorca"), an Israeli corporation of which 100% of the economic shares and one-fourth of
- (2) the voting shares are owned by Mr. Maiman, and (ii) 9,650,132 shares through Di-Rapallo Holdings Ltd. ("Di-Rapallo"), an Israeli corporation of which 100% of the economic shares and one-fourth of the voting shares are owned by Mr. Maiman. In addition, Mr. Maiman holds an option to acquire the remaining three-fourths of the voting shares of both Di-Rapallo and De Majorca (which are currently owned by Ohad Maiman, Yoav Maiman and Noa Maiman, the son, son and daughter, respectively, of Mr. Maiman).

#### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 99 - Joint Filer Information.

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