

Mason Michael Thomas
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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 *
 Mason Michael Thomas

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)
 142 STRATFORD AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/24/2012

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

GARDEN CITY, NY 11530
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Beneficial 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. I |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------|
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| Derivative Security | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------|---|------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 05/24/2012 | A | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 13,369 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mason Michael Thomas 142 STRATFORD AVE. GARDEN CITY, NY 11530 | | | X | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert P. Vogels for Michael T. Mason Pursuant to Power of Attorney 06/19/2012

__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) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Golden Minerals Company common stock. The Restricted Stock Units will vest after one year.
- (2) Shares of common stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units will be issued to the reporting person effective on the date on which the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors of Golden Minerals Company.

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