AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MALAMUD LEO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2008

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION, 10 ABBA EVEN ST.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) 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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code Acquired (A) or (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.17	12/08/2008		A	180,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2018	Class A Stock	180,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.12	12/08/2008		D		150,000	(3)	08/15/2012	Class A Stock	150,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.06	12/08/2008		D		30,000	<u>(4)</u>	12/11/2016	Class A Stock	30,00

X

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Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
D.LEO							

MALAMUD LEO C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

Signatures

/s/ Leo
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**Signature of Person

Date

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).
- This option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: (i) option to purchase 163,125 shares is vested and exercisable on December 8, (1) 2008 and (ii) option to purchase 16,875 shares vests and becomes exercisable in installments of 1,875 shares, beginning on December 12, 2008 and each three month anniversary thereafter.
- (2) In connection with the repricing of certain options by the Issuer, the options granted to the reporting person on August 16, 2002 and December 12, 2006 were cancelled in exchange for a new option with a lower exercise price.
- (3) This option was granted on August 16, 2002 and vested in equal installments of 9,375 shares beginning on November 16, 2002 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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(4) This option was granted on December 12, 2006 and vested in equal installments of 1,875 shares beginning on March 12, 2007 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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