

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 \*  
 Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD

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)  
 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/23/2008

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

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Class A Stock	09/23/2008		P <sup>(1)</sup>		100 A \$ 3.05	5,932,779 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008		P <sup>(1)</sup>		300 A \$ 3.09	5,933,079 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008		P <sup>(1)</sup>		171 A \$ 3.11	5,933,250 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008		P <sup>(1)</sup>		929 A \$ 3.18	5,934,179 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008		P <sup>(1)</sup>		300 A \$ 3.22	5,934,479 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	700	A	\$ 3.24	5,935,179 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	1,200	A	\$ 3.25	5,936,379 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	17	A	\$ 3.26	5,936,396 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	500	A	\$ 3.28	5,936,896 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	A	\$ 3.3	5,937,896 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	483	A	\$ 3.32	5,938,379 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	280	A	\$ 3.33	5,938,659 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	1,640	A	\$ 3.35	5,940,299 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300	A	\$ 3.36	5,941,599 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	600	A	\$ 3.38	5,942,199 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	2,200	A	\$ 3.39	5,944,399 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	900	A	\$ 3.4	5,945,299 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Class A Stock	09/23/2008	P <sup>(1)</sup>	300	A	\$ 3.44	5,945,599 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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,	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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								Amount or Number of Shares
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Code	V	(A)	(D)					

## 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. Maiman, President & CEO 09/24/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Yosef A. Maiman 09/24/2008

\_\_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) 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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