AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL

(Check all applicable)

CORP [AMPL]

(Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2008

Director Officer (give title below)

_ 10% Owner Other (specify

33 HAVAZELET HASHARON **STREET**

(First)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Reneficially Own

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| 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 | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | | P(1) | 225 | A | \$ 5.24 | 5,038,315 (2) | D | |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | | P(1) | 200 | A | \$ 5.25 | 5,038,515 (2) | D | |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | | P(1) | 575 | A | \$ 5.26 | 5,039,090 (2) | D | |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | | P(1) | 100 | A | \$ 5.28 | 5,039,190 (2) | D | |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | | P(1) | 103 | A | \$ 5.29 | 5,039,293 (2) | D | |

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| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 2,500 | A | \$ 5.3 | 5,041,793 (2) | D |
|------------------|------------|------|-------|---|------------|---------------|---|
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 1,997 | A | \$ 5.31 | 5,043,790 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 1,100 | A | \$ 5.33 | 5,044,890 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 500 | A | \$ 5.34 | 5,045,390 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 418 | A | \$ 5.35 | 5,045,808 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 1,000 | A | \$ 5.37 | 5,046,808 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 100 | A | \$ 5.39 | 5,046,908 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 1,000 | A | \$ 5.4 | 5,047,908 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 700 | A | \$ 5.44 | 5,048,608 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 254 | A | \$ 5.45 | 5,048,862 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 400 | A | \$ 5.46 | 5,049,262 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 200 | A | \$ 5.48 | 5,049,462 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 1,100 | A | \$ 5.49 | 5,050,562 (2) | D |
| Class A Stock | 08/05/2008 | P(1) | 582 | A | \$ 5.5 | 5,051,144 (2) | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | Ç |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Date | Amount of | Derivative |] |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Year) | Underlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | Securities | (Instr. 5) |] |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (|
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | |] |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | |] |
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Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount Date or

or Number

Number of Shares

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

08/07/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Yosef A. Maiman

08/07/2008

**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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