AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAIMAN YOSEF A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

33 HAVAZELET HASHARON ST

(Street)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

12/12/2006

Chairman, President & CEO

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

(Zip)

Person

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Mo	onth/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	(D)			(Instr. 3	and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.06	12/12/2006		A		250,000		03/12/2007(1)	12/11/2016	Class A Stock	250,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MAIMAN YOSEF A						
33 HAVAZELET HASHARON ST	X	X	Chairman, President & CEO			
HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105						

Signatures

/s/ Yosef A.

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**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) The options vest in equal installments of 15,625 shares beginning on March 12, 2007 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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