AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MAIMAN YOSEF A Issuer Symbol AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL (Check all applicable) CORP [AMPL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction __X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON ST 01/05/2007 Chairman, President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	able I - Noi	n-Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securities		red (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6.	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Monun/Day/Tear)	any	Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Ownership Form: Direct	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A			Code v	8,602,151	(D)	(3)	30,600,285		See
Stock	01/05/2007(1)(2)		A	$\frac{(3)}{(4)}$	A	<u>(4)</u>	(5)	I	Footnotes (2) (3) (4) (5)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	tive (Month/Day/Year) ties red (A) or sed of (D)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
Convertible Promissory Note	\$ 4.65	01/05/2007(2)		A(3)(4)	4,301,075 (3) (4)	02/07/2007(2)(3)(4)	09/20/2007(2)(3)(4)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Yosef A.

Maiman 01/09/2007

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- As permitted under the stock purchase agreement pursuant to which the securities reported herein were acquired, Merhav (m.n.f.) Ltd., an (1) Israeli corporation ("Merhav"), has notified the Issuer that Merhav intends to assign its right to receive 8,602,151 shares of Class A Stock to De Majorca Holdings Ltd. as part of a restructuring process. The reporting person owns 100% of Merhav.
- The acquisition of these securities requires shareholder approval. Due to the existence of the Maiman voting group, shareholder approval may be deemed to have been obtained on January 5, 2007 based on the expiration of the 10 calendar day waiting period following the filing of a preliminary proxy statement seeking shareholder approval of the issuance of these securities. As a result, Merhav may be deemed to have acquired these securities on that date.
- On November 28, 2006, Merhav entered into an agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer for the sale of a portion of (3) Merhav's interest in East Mediterranean Gas Co. S.A.E., an Egyptian joint stock company ("EMG"), pursuant to an option granted to the Issuer by Merhav in August 2006. The transaction closed on December 21, 2006.
- The purchase price for the shares of EMG was approximately \$128.3 million, of which, approximately \$68.3 million was paid to Merhav in cash, \$40 million will be paid in 8,602,151 shares of the Company's Class A Stock and the balance was paid by a promissory note in the principal amount of \$20 million (the "Convertible Promissory Note"), which, at the option of Merhav, will be paid in cash, additional shares of the Company's Class A Stock (based on a price per share of \$4.65 per share), or a combination thereof. The Convertible Promissory Note bears interest at 6 months LIBOR (5.375%) and matures in one or more partial payments on the earlier of September 20, 2007 or upon demand by Merhav.
 - Of these shares (i) 18,850,153 shares are owned indirectly through Merhav, an entity 100% owned by the reporting person, and (ii) 11,750,132 shares are owned indirectly through Y.M. Noy Investments Ltd., an Israeli corporation of which 100% of the economic shares
- (5) and one-third of the voting shares are owned by the reporting person. In addition, the reporting person holds an option to acquire the remaining two-thirds of the voting shares of Noy (which are currently owned by Ohad Maiman and Noa Maiman, the son and daughter, respectively, of the reporting person).

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