AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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may continue.

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

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2007

Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

33 HAVAZELET HASHARON **STREET**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46106

(City) (State) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date Security (Month/Day/Year)

2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

(A) or (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

(I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

Class A Stock

(Instr. 3)

01/10/2007(1)(2)(3)

Code V Amount S 18,850,153

D 4.65 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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)			Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46106		X				

Signatures

/s/ Merhav (m.n.f.) Limited By: Yosef A. Maiman, President & 01/12/2007 **CEO**

> **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).

In connection with a restructuring process relating to the interests of the reporting person in the Issuer, the reporting person has assigned to De Majorca Holdings Ltd. (i) its right to receive 8,602,151 shares of Class A Stock of the Issuer to be issued in connection with the

- Issuer's purchase from the reporting person of a portion of the reporting person's interest in EMG and (ii) subject to obtaining shareholder approval of the issuance of the foregoing shares, the reporting person's 10,248,002 shares of Class A Stock of the Issuer. 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.
- The assignment is being made by the reporting person in consideration of the issuance by De Majorca Holdings Ltd. of a promissory note in favor of the reporting person in the principal amount of \$87,653,211.45 (based on a price per share of \$4.65).
- Yosef A. Maiman, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer owns 100% of the reporting person. Mr. Maiman owns 100% of the economic shares and one-quarter of the voting shares of De Majorca Holdings Ltd.

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