#### AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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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 \*

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Geva Joseph

(Last)

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL

(Check all applicable)

CORP [AMPL]

(Middle)

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

12/08/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION, 10 ABBA EVEN

ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

(City) (State)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.17	12/08/2008		A	180,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2018	Class A Stock	180,000	

X

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships

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Geva Joseph C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733

# **Signatures**

/s/ Joseph Geva 12/10/2008

\*\*Signature of 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 11,250 shares beginning on March 8, 2009 and each three month anniversary thereafter. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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