

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 CLARK KEITH E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC [CMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/10/2012

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

(Street)  
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M	2,756 A	\$ 0	40,723	D
Common Stock	03/12/2012		S	2,756 D	71.88	37,967	D
Common Stock					249		I
							Company 401 (k) Plan

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 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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Underlying Securities
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M	2,756	03/10/2012	03/10/2012	Common Stock	2,756
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	1,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Common Stock	1,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/12/2012		A <sup>(4)</sup>	2,162	03/12/2015	03/12/2015	Common Stock	2,162
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.44					03/12/2008	03/12/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.12					03/10/2009	03/10/2015	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.99					03/10/2010	03/10/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.51					03/10/2011	03/10/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.47					03/10/2012	03/10/2018	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.69	03/12/2012		A <sup>(5)</sup>	4,715	03/12/2013	03/12/2019	Common Stock	4,715
Performance Share Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	5,000

Performance Share Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Common Stock	1
Performance Stock Unit <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	03/12/2012	A <sup>(6)</sup>	1,477		03/12/2015	03/12/2015	Common Stock	1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLARK KEITH E COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Marsh as  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/13/2012

\_\_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).
- The 2,756 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$71.80 to \$71.94. \$71.88 is the weighted average price. Information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer.
- (1) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 03/01/2012.
  - (2) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
  - (3) Restricted Stock Units granted: 3 year cliff vest on 3-12-2015.
  - (4) Stock options granted: vesting 25% after year one and then 25% per year thereafter.
- Performance Stock Units are divided into three approximately equal tranches, each having a performance period of one year. On the third anniversary of the grant date, PSUs vest based on achievement of total shareholder return ("TSR") performance goals for each tranche. Payout for vested PSUs ranges from 0% to 150% based on the Company's TSR percentile compared to the TSR of the companies comprising a market index. TSR is measured generally as the increase or decrease in the market value of Company common stock including the reinvestment of dividends. If a participant terminates employment prior to the third anniversary of the grant date, the PSUs will be forfeited except in the case of death or disability. If a change of control occurs before the third anniversary of the grant date, PSUs not previously forfeited will vest and be distributed immediately. Dividend equivalents are paid on PSUs earned in a year, subject to restrictions. PSUs have no voting rights.
- (5) All Performance Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
  - (6) The grant amount of 1,477 PSUs assumes 100% vesting. Since payout for PSUs can range from 0% to 150%, the maximum number of shares that could be earned and vest at the end of the three-year vesting period is 2,216.

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