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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Vaknin Daniel		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	11/05/2008	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting 	
C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION, 10 ABBA EVEN ST. (Street)			(Check all applicable) XDirector10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)		Owner		
HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 4	6733					Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivati	ve Securiti	es Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Vaknin Daniel C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 10 ABBA EVEN ST. HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46733		ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures	;					
/s/ Daniel Vaknin	11/10/2008					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date					

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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