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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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None.

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL] Bernstein Nir (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN (Check all applicable) ISRAEL CORPORATION, Â 555 MADISON AVENUE 10% Owner Director (Street) __X__ Officer _ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Controller _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D)

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

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or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bernstein Nir

C/O AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION 555 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

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Signatures

/s/ Nir Bernstein 03/26/2012

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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