

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC

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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 *
UNDERDOWN RODNEY L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/23/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/23/2009		M	3,400 A \$ 0	58,329	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2009		F	1,166 D \$ 53.8	57,163	D	
Common Stock					96 ⁽¹⁾	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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/23/2009		M	3,400	01/23/2009 01/23/2009	Common Stock	3,400
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/12/2010 03/12/2010	Common Stock	3,300
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2011 03/10/2011	Common Stock	2,540
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.69					01/23/2007 01/23/2013	Common Stock	14,000
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	8,071

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

UNDERDOWN RODNEY L
C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC
9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

Relationships

Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
		Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

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

01/27/2009

__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).
- (1) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 01-22-09.
 - (2) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.

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