

BRISIMITZAKIS ANGELO C
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 BRISIMITZAKIS ANGELO C

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)
 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/10/2012		M		24,000	A	\$ 33.44
Common Stock	05/10/2012		S		24,000	D	\$ 76.35 (1)
Common Stock						I	553 (2) 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0							03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	10,1
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0							03/12/2015	03/12/2015	Common Stock	10,6
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0							03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Common Stock	8,7
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.44	05/10/2012		M		24,000		03/12/2008	03/12/2014	Common Stock	48,0
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.12							03/10/2009	03/10/2015	Common Stock	30,9
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.99							03/10/2010	03/10/2016	Common Stock	38,8
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.51							03/10/2011	03/10/2017	Common Stock	28,5
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.47							03/10/2012	03/10/2018	Common Stock	19,4
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.69							03/12/2013	03/12/2019	Common Stock	24,4
Performance Share Unit	\$ 0							03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	1,9
	\$ 0							03/10/2014	03/10/2014		6,0

Performance
Stock Unit

Common
Stock

Performance \$ 0
Stock Unit

03/12/2015 03/12/2015

Common Stock 7,6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRISIMITZAKIS ANGELO C 9900 WEST 109TH STREET SUITE 100 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

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

05/11/2012

__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 24,000 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$75.81 to \$77.43. \$76.35 is the weighted average price. Information

- (1) 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.
- (2) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 05/10/12.
- (3) This transaction is the exercise of a derivative security. See column 2 for the exercise price.

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