

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/10/2007

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

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46106

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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
Class A Stock	01/10/2007 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>		S		18,850,153	D	\$ 4.65
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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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merhav (m.n.f.) LTD 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46106		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Merhav (m.n.f.) Limited By: Yosef A. Maiman, President & CEO  
01/12/2007

\_\_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).
- In connection with a restructuring process relating to the interests of the reporting person in the Issuer, the reporting person has assigned to De Majorca Holdings Ltd. (i) its right to receive 8,602,151 shares of Class A Stock of the Issuer to be issued in connection with the Issuer's purchase from the reporting person of a portion of the reporting person's interest in EMG and (ii) subject to obtaining shareholder approval of the issuance of the foregoing shares, the reporting person's 10,248,002 shares of Class A Stock of the Issuer. Due to the existence of the Maiman voting group, shareholder approval may be deemed to have been obtained on January 5, 2007 based on the expiration of the 10 calendar day waiting period following the filing of a preliminary proxy statement seeking shareholder approval.
- (1) The assignment is being made by the reporting person in consideration of the issuance by De Majorca Holdings Ltd. of a promissory note in favor of the reporting person in the principal amount of \$87,653,211.45 (based on a price per share of \$4.65).
  - (2) Yosef A. Maiman, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer owns 100% of the reporting person.
  - (3) Mr. Maiman owns 100% of the economic shares and one-quarter of the voting shares of De Majorca Holdings Ltd.

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