AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Novik Nimrod

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP [AMPL]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

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

12/12/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O MERHAV (M.N.F.) LIMITED, 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

Beneficially

Owned

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.06	12/12/2006		A	180,000	03/12/2007(1)	12/11/2016	Class A Stock	180,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Novik Nimrod C/O MERHAV (M.N.F.) LIMITED 33 HAVAZELET HASHARON STREET HERZLIYA, ISRAEL, L3 46105	X					

Signatures

/s/ Nimrod Novik 12/14/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 options vest in equal installments of 11,250 shares beginning on March 12, 2007 and each three month anniversary thereafter.

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