

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
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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 \*  
 CLARK KEITH E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/10/2010

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

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

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

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 35,737  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 156 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Company 401 (k) Plan              |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V                         | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| 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                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/10/2012 03/10/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 2,750                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 03/10/2010                           |  | A <sup>(3)</sup>               | 1,974   | 03/10/2013 03/10/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 1,974                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 25.69   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/23/2007 01/23/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 14,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 33.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/12/2008 03/12/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 55.12   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/10/2009 03/10/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 8,070                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 58.99   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/10/2010 03/10/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 8,450                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 78.51   | 03/10/2010                           |  | A <sup>(4)</sup>               | 5,524   | 03/10/2011 03/10/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 5,524                      |
| Performance Share Unit <sup>(5)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>                                    | 03/10/2010                           |  | A <sup>(5)</sup>               | 509 <sup>(7)</sup>  | 03/10/2013 03/10/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 509                        |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

CLARK KEITH E  
 COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL  
 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600  
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

Vice  
 President

## Signatures

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

03/12/2010

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 3-10-10.
- (2) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units granted: 3 year cliff vest on 3-10-13.
- (4) Stock Options granted: vesting 25% after year one and then 25% per year thereafter.

The performance stock units ("PSUs") will be divided into three approximately equal tranches, each having a performance period of one year. On the third anniversary of the grant date, the PSUs will vest based on achievement of total shareholder return ("TSR") performance goals for each tranche. Once vested, payout for PSU's can range from 0% to 150% based on the Company's TSR percentile compared to the TSR of the companies comprising the Russell 2000 Index. TSR is measured generally as the increase or decrease in the market value of Company common stock including the reinvestment of dividends. If a participant terminates employment prior to the third anniversary of the grant date, the PSUs will be forfeited except in the case of death or disability. If a change of control occurs before the third anniversary of the grant date, PSUs not previously forfeited will vest and be distributed immediately. PSUs have no voting or dividend rights.

- (6) All Performance Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
- (7) The grant amount of 509 PSUs assumes 100% vesting. Since payout for PSUs can range from 0% to 150%, the maximum number of shares that could vest and be distributed is 764.

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