

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
 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 \*  
 BELL BRADLEY J

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)  
 03/12/2010

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

C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, INC., 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|---|--------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |        |   |                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 26 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A  | \$ 80.65  | 7,209  | I | Directors Deferred Compensation Plan |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 9 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A  | \$ 81.45  | 7,218  | I | Directors Deferred Compensation Plan |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 37,367 | D |                                      |

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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)

| 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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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

BELL BRADLEY J  
C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

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## Signatures

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

03/15/2010

\_\_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).

Dividend equivalents on deferred stock units awarded before April 1, 2008 are determined under the 2004 Directors' Deferred

(1) Compensation Plan, as restated and amended, based on the average of the high and low trading price for Company stock for the date immediately preceding the dividend date.

(2) Dividend equivalents on deferred stock units awarded on and after April 1, 2008 are determined under Independent Director Deferred Stock Award Agreements, based on the closing price of Company stock for the first trading date immediately prior to the dividend date.

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