GRANT RICHARD S

Form 4

March 16, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

COMPASS MINERALS

Symbol

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

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See Instruction

			INTERNATIONAL INC [CMP]					MP]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8224 BALD EAGLE LANE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2010						_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
				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 Person			
WILMINGTON, NC 28411												
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - N	lon	-Derivativ	e Sec	urities A	cquired, Dispose	ed of, or Bene	ficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr.	8)	4. Security on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	03/12/2010			A		26 (1)	A	\$ 80.65	7,253	I	Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	
Common Stiock	03/12/2010			A		9 (2)	A	\$ 81.45	7,262	I	Directors Deferred Compensation Plan	
Common									13,261	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		orNumber	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		I
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		-
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)						(
	Derivative				Securities	3				
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock										
Option (Right to Buy) (Common	\$ 16.66					04/08/2004	05/08/2012	Common Stock	9,867	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GRANT RICHARD S 8224 BALD EAGLE LANE WILMINGTON, NC 28411	X						
0:							

Signatures

Stock)

/s/ Robert E. Marsh,
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.

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(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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