

Bucan Gerald
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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 *
 Bucan Gerald

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)
 9900 W. 109TH ST.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/12/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and General Manager

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/12/2010 | | M | 2,700 A | 2,700 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 138 (2) | I | Company 401(k) Plan |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | 11/12/2010 | | M | 2,700 | 11/12/2010 11/12/2010 | Common Stock | 2,700 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/10/2012 03/10/2012 | Common Stock | 2,750 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/10/2013 03/10/2013 | Common Stock | 1,974 |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 36 | | | | | 11/12/2008 11/12/2014 | Common Stock | 8,100 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 58.99 | | | | | 03/10/2010 03/10/2016 | Common Stock | 8,453 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 78.51 | | | | | 03/10/2011 03/10/2017 | Common Stock | 5,524 |
| Performance Stock Unit | \$ 0 | | | | | 03/10/2013 03/10/2013 | Common Stock | 509 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bucan Gerald 9900 W. 109TH ST. OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210 | | | VP and General Manager | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Marsh,
Attorney-In-Fact

11/15/2010

__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).
- (1) This transaction is the exercise of a derivative security. All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00. Each Restricted Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 11-12-10.

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