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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Blakestad Robert B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Golden Minerals Co [AUMN]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

350 INDIANA STREET, SUITE 800

(Street)

(State)

04/05/2010

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist

Applicable Line)

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

Person

GOLDEN, CO 80401

(City)

Common

Stock

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year) 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Price

Code V Amount (D)

3,461 F (1)

\$ D 7.88 $25,539 \frac{(3)}{2}$ (2)

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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

Blakestad Robert B. 350 INDIANA STREET SUITE 800 GOLDEN, CO 80401

Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist

Signatures

/s/ Deborah J. Friedman for Robert B. Blakestad Pursuant to Power of Attorney

04/14/2010

**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) Shares surrendered to the Issuer in payment of tax liability in connection with the vesting of 10,000 shares of restricted common stock on April 3, 2010.
- (2) The closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the NYSE Amex on April 5, 2010, the first trading day following vesting of the restricted common stock.
- (3) Includes 10,000 shares of restricted common stock granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.

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