

GRANT RICHARD S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GRANT RICHARD S

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)  
8224 BALD EAGLE LANE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/12/2010

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

WILMINGTON, NC 28411

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/12/2010		M	3,967	A \$ 16.66	17,675	D
Common Stock	08/12/2010		S	947	D \$ 72	16,728	D
Common Stock	08/12/2010		M	2,900	A \$ 16.66	19,628	D
Common Stock	08/12/2010		S	2,900	D \$ 72.06	16,728	D
Common Stock						7,298	I Directors Deferred Compensation

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 (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
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)	\$ 16.66	08/12/2010		M	3,967	04/08/2004	05/08/2012	Common Stock	3,967
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (Common Stock)	\$ 16.66	08/12/2010		M	2,900	04/08/2004	05/08/2012	Common Stock	2,900

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

08/13/2010

\_\_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. See column 2 for the exercise price.

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