

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)
 03/10/2009

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	62 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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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 11/12/2010	Common Stock	2,700
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	03/10/2009		A ⁽³⁾	2,756	03/10/2012 03/10/2012	Common Stock	2,756
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 36					11/12/2008 11/12/2014	Common Stock	8,100
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.99	03/10/2009		A ⁽⁴⁾	8,453	03/10/2010 03/10/2016	Common Stock	8,453

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

03/13/2009

__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) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 03-10-09.
- (2) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units granted: 3 year cliff vest on 3-10-12.
- (4) Stock options granted: vesting 25% after year one and then 25% per year thereafter.

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