COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CLARK KEITH E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC [CMP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2010		M		3,300	A	$ 0	39,037	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2010		S		1,070	D	$ 80.48 (1)	37,967	D	
Common Stock								156 (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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	$ 0	03/12/2010		M			3,300	03/12/2010	03/12/2010	Common Stock	3,300
Restricted Stock Unit	$ 0							03/10/2011	03/10/2011	Common Stock	2,540
Restricted Stock Unit	$ 0							03/10/2012	03/10/2012	Common Stock	2,756
Restricted Stock Unit	$ 0							03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	1,974
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 26.69							01/23/2007	01/23/2014	Common Stock	14,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 33.44							03/12/2008	03/12/2015	Common Stock	10,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 55.12							03/10/2009	03/10/2015	Common Stock	8,07
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 Share Unit	$ 0							03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	509

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLARK KEITH E COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210			Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Marsh as Attorney-in-Fact	03/16/2010
**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) The 1,070 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from $80.27 to $80.59. $80.48 is the weighted average price. Information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer.

(2) The information in this report is based on a 401(k) plan statement dated as of 03/12/2010.

(3) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of $0.00.

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