AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP Form 8-K March 31, 2008

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2008 (March 27, 2008)

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New York0-53813-0435685(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employerof Incorporation)File Number)Identification No.)

111 Arlozorov Street

Tel Aviv, Israel62098(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

(866) 447-8636

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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 m O}$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- O Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- O Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- O Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 27, 2008, Ampal-American Israel Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has filed a draft preliminary prospectus with the Israel Securities Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in connection with a possible offering to the public in Israel of the Company s Series B debentures. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Company s securities.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

<u>EXHIBIT</u> <u>DESCRIPTION</u>

99.1 Press release of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, dated March 27, 2008.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

Date: March 31, 2008 By: /s/Yoram Firon

Name: Yoram Firon

Title: Vice President Investments and Corporate Affairs

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