

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
 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 \*  
 BELL BRADLEY J

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 WEST 109TH STREET,  
 SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2012

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

(Street)  
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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   |  |   |                                      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 39 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A   | \$ 72.22   | 10,644 I  | Directors Deferred Compensation Plan |
| Common Stock                    | 09/14/2012                           |  | A                              | 34 <sup>(2)</sup>   | A   | \$ 72.13   | 10,678 I  | Directors Deferred Compensation Plan |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 37,367 D  |                                      |

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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)

Table with 10 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4), 10. Date of Report (Instr. 3 and 4).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships sub-columns: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Example: BELL BRADLEY J, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210, Director: X.

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Marsh, Attorney-in-Fact, 09/18/2012. \*\*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) Dividend equivalents on deferred stock units awarded before April 1, 2008 are determined under the 2004 Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan...
(2) Dividend equivalents on deferred stock units awarded on and after April 1, 2008 are determined under Independent Director Deferred Stock Award Agreements...

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