

Blakestad Robert B.  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Blakestad Robert B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Golden Minerals Co [AUMN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
350 INDIANA STREET, SUITE 800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

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

GOLDEN, CO 80401

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2010		A		13,200 (1) \$ 0 62,739 (2)	D	

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blakestad Robert B. 350 INDIANA STREET, SUITE 800 GOLDEN, CO 80401			Sr VP, Explor./Chief Geologist	

## Signatures

/s/ Deborah J. Friedman for Robert B. Blakestad Pursuant to Power of Attorney  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date 12/21/2010

## 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).  
 Award reflects (i) 10,000 shares of restricted common stock granted pursuant to the issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan; and (ii) 3,200 shares of restricted common stock granted pursuant to the issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares were issued in lieu of a portion of the executive's cash bonus award under the issuer's Incentive Bonus Plan. One-third of the awarded shares will vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, with the first tranche vesting on December 17, 2011.
- (2) Includes a total of 45,200 shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan which currently are subject to vesting restrictions.

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