

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
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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 \*  
 CLARK KEITH E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/01/2012

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/01/2012		S	21,500	D	\$ 80.47 (1)	16,467 D
Common Stock	11/02/2012		M	2,000	A	\$ 33.44	18,467 D
Common Stock	11/02/2012		S	2,000	D	\$ 80.66	16,467 D
Common Stock						286 (2)	I Company 401 (k)

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 (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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	1,974
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Common Stock	1,793
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/12/2015	03/12/2015	Common Stock	2,162
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.44	11/02/2012		M	2,000	03/12/2008	03/12/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.12					03/10/2009	03/10/2015	Common Stock	8,071
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.99					03/10/2010	03/10/2016	Common Stock	8,451
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.51					03/10/2011	03/10/2017	Common Stock	5,521
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.47					03/10/2012	03/10/2018	Common Stock	3,741
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.69					03/12/2013	03/12/2019	Common Stock	4,711

Buy)

Performance Share Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2013	03/10/2013	Common Stock	509
Performance Share Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Common Stock	1,172
Performance Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/12/2015	03/12/2015	Common Stock	1,472

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLARK KEITH E COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 100 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210			Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Marsh as  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/05/2012

\_\_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).

The 21,500 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$80.33 to \$80.62. \$80.47 is the weighted average price. Information

- (1) 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 11/01/12.
- (3) This transaction is the exercise of a derivative security. See column 2 for the exercise price.

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