

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
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**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 \*  
**GOADBY DAVID 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/10/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600

(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

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/10/2012		M		2,756	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	03/12/2012		S		2,756	D	\$ 71.91

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Underlying Securities
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Underlying Securities
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/10/2012		M		2,756	03/10/2012 03/10/2012	Common Stock	2,756
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0						03/10/2013 03/10/2013	Common Stock	1,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0						03/10/2014 03/10/2014	Common Stock	1,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/12/2012		A <sup>(3)</sup>		2,162	03/12/2015 03/12/2015	Common Stock	2,162
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.69						01/23/2007 01/23/2013	Common Stock	14,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.44						03/12/2008 03/12/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.12						03/10/2009 03/10/2015	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.99						03/10/2010 03/10/2016	Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.51						03/10/2011 03/10/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.47						03/10/2012 03/10/2018	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.69	03/12/2012		A <sup>(4)</sup>		4,286	03/12/2013 03/12/2019	Common Stock	4,286
Performance	\$ 0						03/10/2013 03/10/2013	Common	5,000

Share Unit							Stock
Performance Share Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2014 03/10/2014	Common Stock
Performance Stock Unit <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/12/2012	A <sup>(5)</sup>	1,342		03/12/2015 03/12/2015	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOADBY DAVID J C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210			Vice President	

## Signatures

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

03/13/2012

\_\_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 2,756 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$71.88 to \$71.97. \$71.91 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) All Restricted Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units granted: 3 year cliff vest on 3-12-2015.
- (4) Stock options granted: vesting 25% after year one and then 25% per year thereafter.

Performance Stock Units are divided into three approximately equal tranches, each having a performance period of one year. On the third anniversary of the grant date, PSUs vest based on achievement of total shareholder return ("TSR") performance goals for each tranche.

Payout for vested PSUs ranges from 0% to 150% based on the Company's TSR percentile compared to the TSR of the companies

- (5) comprising a market index. TSR is measured generally as the increase or decrease in the market value of Company common stock including the reinvestment of dividends. If a participant terminates employment prior to the third anniversary of the grant date, the PSUs will be forfeited except in the case of death or disability. If a change of control occurs before the third anniversary of the grant date, PSUs not previously forfeited will vest and be distributed immediately. Dividend equivalents are paid on PSUs earned in a year, subject to restrictions. PSUs have no voting rights.
- (6) All Performance Stock Units have a conversion price of \$0.00.
- (7) The grant amount of 1,342 PSUs assumes 100% vesting. Since payout for PSUs can range from 0% to 150%, the maximum number of shares that could be earned and vest at the end of the three-year vesting period is 2,013.

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