

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 4

November 13, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CLARK KEITH E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

COMPASS MINERALS
INTERNATIONAL, 9900 WEST
109TH STREET, SUITE 100

(Street)

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/09/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President

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

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 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)
Common Stock	11/09/2012		M	6,000 A	\$ 33.44	22,467	D
Common Stock	11/09/2012		S	6,000 D	\$ 78.78 (1)	16,467	D
Common Stock					286 (2)	I	Company 401 (k) Plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				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	11/09/2012		M		6,000		03/12/2008	03/12/2014	Common Stock	6,000
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	8,453
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 78.51							03/10/2011	03/10/2017	Common Stock	5,524
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 86.47							03/10/2012	03/10/2018	Common Stock	3,748
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.69							03/12/2013	03/12/2019	Common Stock	4,715
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	1,477

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

11/13/2012

__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 6,000 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$78.04 to \$79.63. \$78.78 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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