

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP
Form 8-K
November 25, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 25, 2008 (November 24, 2008)

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-538
(Commission File Number)

13-0435685
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10 Abba Even St.

Ackerstein Tower C, 9th Floor

P.O. Box 12215

Herzliya, Israel
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

46733
(Zip Code)

(866) 447-8636
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 24, 2008, Ampal-American Israel Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its board of directors approved programs authorizing the Company to repurchase shares of its Class A Stock and to repurchase its Series A and Series B debentures. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

| <u>EXHIBIT</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, dated November 24, 2008. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

Date: November 25, 2008

By: /s/Yoram Firon
Name: Yoram Firon
Title: *Vice President Investments and Corporate Affairs*

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