

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 \*  
 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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC., 9900 W. 109TH ST.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, General Manager

(Street)  
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

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

(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                    | 07/21/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 6,000   | A          | \$ 1.4  | 128,504  | D                                 |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/21/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 6,000   | D          | \$ 24.8567  | 122,504  | D                                 |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/22/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 6,729   | A          | \$ 1.4  | 129,233  | D                                 |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/22/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 6,729   | D          | \$ 24.7465  | 122,504  | D                                 |       |

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 1.4   | 07/21/2005                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | <u>(1)</u> 12/29/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 6,000                         |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 1.4   | 07/22/2005                           |  | M                              | 6,729   | <u>(2)</u> 12/29/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 6,729                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| CLARK KEITH E<br>C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC.<br>9900 W. 109TH ST.<br>OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210 |               |           | VP, General Manager |       |

## Signatures

By: /s/ Gary T. Eastman as Attorney-In-Fact 07/25/2005

\*\*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).

(1) 56,710 shares are vested and exercisable and 26,676 shares vest on November 29, 2005.

(2) 49,981 shares are vested and exercisable and 26,676 shares vest on November 29, 2005.

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