

COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
 Form 4  
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**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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 UNDERDOWN RODNEY L

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  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC, 9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/18/2009

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)  
X Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (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	02/18/2009		S	7,734 D 59.25	49,429	D	
Common Stock					98 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	8. Fair Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/12/2010 03/12/2010	Common Stock 3,300	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0					03/10/2011 03/10/2011	Common Stock 2,540	
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 10,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.12					03/10/2009 03/10/2015	Common Stock 8,071	

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

UNDERDOWN RODNEY L  
C/O COMPASS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL INC  
9900 WEST 109TH STREET, SUITE 600  
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210

Vice President & CFO

## Signatures

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

02/20/2009

\_\_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 7,734 shares were traded in blocks ranging in price from \$59.14 to \$59.47. \$59.25 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 02-18-09.

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