

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION
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AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

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**THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO VOTE YOUR SHARES OF AMPAL AND
RECEIVE THE SPECIAL VOTING PAYMENT**

To Holders of our 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock:

The special meeting of shareholders of Ampal-American Israel Corporation has been adjourned until July 18, 2006 in order to give shareholders additional time to submit their vote and receive the special voting payment if they vote in favor of the proposal and it is approved. **No matter how many or how few shares you own, your vote is very important to the future of the company.**

You are being asked to approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation that will allow us to redeem the outstanding shares of our 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. Currently, you have the right to convert each share that you own of our 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock into three shares of our Class A Stock. **If the proposed amendment is approved, upon redemption you will receive three shares of our Class A Stock plus an additional \$4.09 per share paid in cash for every share of 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock that you own.** Your Board of Directors believes that the approval of the proposal will help the company's future growth and at the same time allow holders to maintain their ownership interest in the company and receive a premium on their conversion. The redemption of our Preferred Stock will provide us with the ability to list our Class A Stock on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE). A company may not be listed on the TASE if it has more than one class of stock. We believe listing our Class A Stock on the TASE will have several potential benefits for us and our shareholders, including providing us access to the capital markets in Israel and potentially increasing the trading volume of our Class A Stock and providing greater liquidity.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL VOTING PAYMENT, TO BE PAID TO YOU IN CASH, IF YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND IT IS APPROVED

In addition to the \$4.09 per share premium to be paid to you upon the redemption of your shares of 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, you are entitled to receive a special voting payment of \$0.15 per share if you vote in favor of the proposed amendment and it is approved. In order for you to be eligible to receive this special voting payment, your vote must be received before the special meeting.

VOTING BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET IS EASY

Those shareholders holding physical certificates or shares registered in their own name rather than with a broker may vote using the telephone or internet by following the instructions on the enclosed proxy card and using the control number located on the proxy card. If your shares are held in street name with a bank or brokerage, phone and internet voting may not be available to you. In that case, please vote your shares by simply contacting a financial representative at your investment firm or by calling your broker. Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our proxy solicitation agent, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., toll-free at (800) 322-2885 or collect at (212) 929-5500 or via email at proxy@mackenziepartners.com.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO VOTE! EVERY SHARE COUNTS!

Sincerely,

By: /s/ Jack Bigio

JACK BIGIO
President and Chief Executive Officer

Please Mark Here for Address Change or Comments
SEE REVERSE SIDE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 1.

Please mark your votes as indicated in this example

- | | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to allow for the redemption of each outstanding share of our 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock in exchange for three shares of our Class A Stock and \$4.09. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

Dated: _____, 2006

Signature of Shareholder

Signature of Shareholder

Please sign exactly as name appears. In the case of joint tenancies, coexecutors or co-trustees, both should sign. If acting as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, officer of a corporation, or in other representative capacity, please give full title under signature.

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Vote by Internet or Telephone or Mail 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time on July 17, 2006.

Your Internet or telephone vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

Internet

<http://www.proxyvoting.com/ampl>

Use the Internet to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site.

Telephone

1-866-540-5760

OR Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card in hand when you call.

Mail

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

If you vote your proxy by Internet or by telephone, you do NOT need to mail back your proxy card.



PROXY

**AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Special Meeting of Shareholders on July 18, 2006

The undersigned hereby appoints Jack Bigio and Yoram Firon, and each of them, as proxy for the undersigned, with full power of substitution, to vote and otherwise represent all of the shares of 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock of Ampal-American Israel Corporation held of record by the undersigned on April 24, 2006, at the Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on July 18, 2006, and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof, with the same effect as if the undersigned were present and voting such shares, on all matters as further described in the accompanying Prospectus and Proxy Statement. By executing this Proxy, the undersigned hereby revokes any proxy previously given with respect to such shares. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders and the accompanying Prospectus and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed on March 29, 2006.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS MADE. IF THIS PROXY IS EXECUTED BUT NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSAL 1. THE PROXIES, IN THEIR DISCRETION, ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT(S) OR POSTPONEMENT(S) THEREOF.

(Continued, and to be signed and dated on reverse side.)

Address Change/Comments (Mark the corresponding box on the reverse side)

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You can now access your Ampal-American Israel Corporation account online.

Access your Ampal-American Israel Corporation shareholder account online via Investor ServiceDirect® (ISD).

Mellon Investor Services LLC, Transfer Agent for Ampal-American Israel Corporation, now makes it easy and convenient to get current information on your shareholder account.

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