

AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORP
Form DEFA14A
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A
(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION
Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities
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AMPAL-AMERICAN ISRAEL CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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ATTN: Holders of Ampal-American Israel Corp. s 6-1/2% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE WITH VOTING YOUR SHARES PLEASE CONTACT OUR PROXY SOLICITOR, MACKENZIE PARTNERS, INC., TOLL-FREE AT (800) 322-2885 OR COLLECT AT (212) 929-5500 OR VIA EMAIL AT PROXY@MACKENZIEPARTNERS.COM.

Please Mark Here for Address Change or Comments
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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 type="radio"/> | <input 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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Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern Time on July 17, 2006.

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

Use the Internet to vote your proxy. **OR** Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy. **OR** Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site. Have your proxy card in hand when you call.

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.

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