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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TAFT DAVID A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE, STE 2401

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Applied Minerals, Inc. [AMNL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/05/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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                    | 01/05/2010                           |  | S(2)                           | 282,000 D \$ 0.58   | 13,969,915 (1) (3)  | I  | See Notes 1 and 3. (1) (3)        |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2010                           |  | A(2)                           | 282,000 A \$ 0.58   | 13,969,915 (1) (3)  | I  | See Notes 1 and 3. (1) (3)        |

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 | 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) |                  |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 10% PIK-Election Convertible Notes (4)     | \$ 0.35 (5)  |                                      |  |                     |   | (5)  | (5)   | (5)              | (5)             | Common Stock | 1,428,571 (1) (4)          |
| 10% PIK-Election Convertible Notes (6)     | \$ 0.5 (7)   |                                      |  |                     |   | (7)  | (7)   | (7)              | (7)             | Common Stock | 1,000,000 (1) (6)          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAFT DAVID A<br>ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE<br>STE 2401<br>BOSTON, MA 02110 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

David A. Taft                              01/07/2010  
 \*\*Signature of                              Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 reporting person is a member and the president of IBS Capital LLC, which is the general partner of The IBS Turnaround Fund (1) (QP)(A Limited Partnership) and The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership). IBS Capital LLC is the investment adviser of The IBS Opportunity Fund (BVI), Ltd.

On January 5, 2010, The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) sold 282,000 shares to The IBS Opportunity Fund (BVI), Ltd. After the completion of the transaction, (i) The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) holds 7,631,598 shares; (ii) The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) holds 3,541,042 shares; and (iii) The IBS Opportunity Fund (BVI), Ltd. holds 2,797,275 shares.

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- (3) The reported securities are directly owned by The IBS Turnaround Fund (QP)(A Limited Partnership), The IBS Turnaround Fund(A Limited Partnership) and The IBS Opportunity Fund (BVI), Ltd. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- Pursuant to a series of note issuances on December 30, 2008, the issuer issued to each of The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) and The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) a 10% PIK-Election Convertible Note (collectively, the "0.35 Notes", each a "0.35 Note") on substantially the same terms and conditions. The 1,428,571 shares of common stock of Atlas Mining Co. ("Common Stock") into which outstanding amounts are convertible under the 0.35 Notes include: (i) 1,028,571 shares into which amounts payable under a 0.35 Note by the issuer to The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) are convertible and (ii) 400,000 shares into which amounts payable under a 0.35 Note by the issuer to The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) are convertible.

- (5) The 0.35 Notes mature on December 15, 2018. At the noteholder's option, amounts outstanding under a 0.35 Note may be converted into Common Stock at any time after the issuer has authorized sufficient shares to convert such amounts outstanding into Common Stock at the conversion price of \$0.35 per share (the "0.35 Conversion Price"). The amount outstanding under a 0.35 Note shall be mandatorily converted into Common Stock of the issuer at the 0.35 Conversion Price of upon: (i) the issuer's authorization of a sufficient number of shares to convert amounts outstanding under all of the notes in the series into Common Stock; (ii) the average closing bid or market price of Common Stock for the preceding five days being in excess of the 0.35 Conversion Price; and (iii) either (a) the issuer has filed a registration statement for the resale the number of shares of Common Stock into which the outstanding amount under a 0.35 Note is convertible or (b) the shares are resalable under Rule 144.

- (6) Pursuant to a series of note issuances on May 4, 2009, the issuer issued to each of The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) and The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) a 10% PIK-Election Convertible Note (collectively, the "0.50 Notes", each a "0.50 Note") on substantially the same terms and conditions. The 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock into which outstanding amounts are convertible under the 0.50 Notes include: (i) 640,000 shares into which amounts payable under a 0.50 Note by the issuer to The IBS Turnaround (QP) Fund (A Limited Partnership) are convertible and (ii) 360,000 shares into which amounts payable under a 0.50 Note by the issuer to The IBS Turnaround Fund (A Limited Partnership) are convertible.

- (7) The 0.50 Notes mature on December 15, 2018. At the noteholder's option, amounts outstanding under a 0.50 Note may be converted into Common Stock at any time after the issuer has authorized sufficient shares to convert such amounts outstanding into Common Stock at the conversion price of \$0.50 per share (the "0.50 Conversion Price"). The amount outstanding under a 0.50 Note shall be mandatorily converted into Common Stock of the issuer at the 0.50 Conversion Price of upon: (i) the issuer's authorization of a sufficient number of shares to convert amounts outstanding under all of the notes in the series into Common Stock; (ii) the average closing bid or market price of Common Stock for the preceding five days being in excess of the 0.50 Conversion Price; and (iii) either (a) the issuer has filed a registration statement for the resale the number of shares of Common Stock into which the outstanding amount under a 0.50 Note is convertible or (b) the shares are resalable under Rule 144.

- (8) The reported securities are directly owned by The IBS Turnaround Fund (QP)(A Limited Partnership) and The IBS Turnaround Fund(A Limited Partnership). The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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