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January 12, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Month of January 2006

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD.
(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)
P.O. Box 142, Hadera, Israel
(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

☒ Form 20-F ☐ Form 40-F

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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference is the Registrant's press release dated January 10, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lea Katz

Name: Lea Katz

Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 10, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
1.	Press release dated January 10, 2006

EXHIBIT 1

NEWS

CLIENT: AMERICAN ISRAELI
PAPER MILLS LTD.

AGENCY CONTACT: PHILIP Y. SARDOFF

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD. DISCUSSES COST SAVINGS PLANS

Hadera, Israel, January 10, 2006... American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd. (ASE:AIP) (the "Company" or "AIPM") announced, today following publications in the Israeli press and at the request of the Israeli Securities Authority, that it is taking measures to achieve synergism between the companies within the AIPM group, in order to leverage the size of the group and attain savings in different costs, including energy and raw material costs.

The Company's goal, if the full potential of the savings will be realized, is to achieve gradually over the next years, annual savings of approximately NIS 80 million, based on the groups existing costs and the current activity level. These savings include, among others, the expected savings resulting from

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switching to natural gas in the Company's plant in Hadera, if its plans will be realized, as described in previous publications. These steps are aimed, among others, at mitigating the influence of the extraordinary price increases in energy and raw materials on the Company's results.

As part of the above mentioned steps, the companies in the group signed an agreement with a fuel company, in the amount of approximately NIS 60 million per year, in lieu of previous agreements, which will result in estimated annual savings in the whole group (including associated companies) of approximately NIS 1.2 million.

Since the realization of the above mentioned savings is also contingent on external factors, which are not under the Company's control, such as the date of the completion of the natural gas pipeline and any further energy cost increases, the Company cannot estimate the influence of the savings on its profitability, as shall be expressed in its financial reports. The Company wishes to clarify that there is no intention within the efficiency measures to dismiss employees, only to decrease to an immaterial extent the hiring of new employees, instead of retiring employees.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements predicting AIPM's future growth. These forward-looking statements are inherently difficult to predict and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including, but not limited to, projections of future performance including predictions of future profitability and expectations of the business environment in which AIPM operates. For a detailed discussion of these and other risk factors, please refer to AIPM's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Form 20-F and Reports on Form 6-K.