UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2004

AMPEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-20292 (Commission File Number) 13-3667696 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1228 Douglas Avenue

Redwood City, California 94063-3117

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(650) 367-2011

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On October 21, 2004, Ampex Corporation announced that it has filed a complaint with the International Trade Commission (ITC) seeking an exclusion order barring Eastman Kodak Company from the importation and sale of digital still cameras into the United States of America due to Kodak s unauthorized use of the Company s intellectual property. A copy of Ampex s press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release of Ampex Corporation dated October 21, 2004.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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SIGNATURES

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.

AMPEX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joel D. Talcott

Joel D. Talcott Vice President and Secretary

Date: October 21, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Number Description
99.1* Press Release dated October 21, 2004.

^{*} Filed herewith.