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February 20, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)

Ampex Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

032092-30-6
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 16, 2007
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

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CUSIP No. 032092-30-6

- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ValueVest High Concentration Master Fund, Ltd. (20-4574633)
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

WC
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) ☐
- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands
- NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
- 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

0
- 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

341,436
- 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0
- 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

341,436
- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

341,436
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES* ☐
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.9%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ValueVest Management Company II, LLC (47-0951956)

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

- 3 SEC USE ONLY

- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

n/a

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PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) ☐

- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

California

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Mark B. Bakar

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) ☐

(b) ☐

- 3 SEC USE ONLY

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n/a

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United States of America

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David Cariani
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

n/a
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This Amendment No. 3 amends and supplements the Statement on Schedule 13D ("Statement") filed by the parties named below on November 13, 2006, and the Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed by the parties named below on November 16, 2006 and December 1, 2006 respectively, with respect to the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Ampex Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Statement, as amended to date.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph as the thirteen paragraph:

Since the November meeting, the Investment Manager has continued to meet with management of the Issuer to discuss means for the Issuer to increase shareholder value. On January 9, 2007, the Investment Manager introduced Mr. Ned S. Goldstein of M.CAM to Messrs. Bramson and McKibben of the Issuer as a possible appointee to the Board of Directors. On February 16, 2007, the Company announced that Mr. Bramson had resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Issuer and from the Board of Directors; that Mr. D. Gordon Strickland had been appointed to replace Mr. Bramson as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Issuer; that Mr. William A. Stoltzfus, Jr. had advised the Issuer that he will not stand for re-election at the Issuer's 2007 Annual General Meeting; that Messrs. Strickland and Goldstein had each been appointed to the Board of Directors; and that the Board of Directors had initiated a search for an additional director.

Item 4 is further amended by inserting the following paragraph in the place of the existing fifteenth paragraph:

The Reporting Persons are dissatisfied with the Issuer's financial results and operating performance and intend to continue to engage in discussions with the management of the Issuer and/or the members of the Issuer's board of directors with respect to certain issues relating to, among others, the Investment Manager's prior and future proposals, the Issuer's strategic decision-making and the Issuer's recent financial and operating performance. The Reporting Persons may also approach other holders of the Issuer's securities in order to discuss similar matters of mutual interest, including, but not limited to, the possibility of nominating one or more persons to become a director of the Issuer. Each of the Reporting Persons intends to continuously review the Master Fund's investment in the Issuer and reserves the right to change its plans or intentions and to take any and all actions that it may deem appropriate to maximize the value of its investment(s), including by, among other things, acquiring additional securities of the Issuer, disposing of any securities of the Issuer owned by it, or formulating other plans or proposals regarding the Issuer or securities of the Issuer to the extent deemed advisable by the Reporting Persons in light of their general investment policies, market conditions, subsequent developments affecting the Issuer (including, but not limited to, the attitude of the Issuer's board of directors and management and other shareholders of the Issuer) and the general business and future prospects of the Issuer.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 20, 2007

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ValueVest High Concentration Master Fund,
Ltd.

/s/ Mark B. Bakar

By: Mark B. Bakar
Title: Director

ValueVest Management Company II, LLC

/s/ David Cariani

By: David Cariani
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Mark B. Bakar

Mark B. Bakar

/s/ David Cariani

David Cariani

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