

AMPEX CORP /DE/  
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Registration No. 333-85605

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2**  
**TO**  
**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**AMPEX CORPORATION**

(formerly Ampex Incorporated)

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

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**Delaware**  
*(State or other jurisdiction*  
  
*of incorporation or organization)*

**13-3667696**  
*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification Number)*

**1228 Douglas Avenue**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**(650) 367-4111**

*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

**Joel D. Talcott, Esq.**

**Ampex Corporation**

**1228 Douglas Avenue**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**(650) 367-3330**

*(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)*

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: From time to time following the original effectiveness of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer   
Smaller reporting company

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Form S-3 Registration Statement amends the Form S-3 Registration Statement (File No. 333-85605) filed by Ampex Corporation (the Company) on August 20, 1999, and Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on August 31, 2000 (as amended, the Registration Statement), covering the sale by certain stockholders of up to 816,617 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A Stock).

On March 30, 2008, the Company and certain of its U.S. subsidiaries (together, the Debtors) filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the Bankruptcy Court) (Case No. 08-11094). On July 31, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court confirmed the Debtors' First Modified Third Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization dated July 31, 2008 (the Plan of Reorganization). On October 3, 2008, all conditions to consummation of the Plan of Reorganization were satisfied or waived, the Plan of Reorganization became effective and the Company emerged from chapter 11. Pursuant to the Plan of Reorganization, the Company cancelled and extinguished, as of October 3, 2008, all of its then-outstanding equity interests, including all shares of its Class A Stock.

The Company hereby removes from registration all shares of Class A Stock that have not been sold under the Registration Statement.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Redwood City, State of California, on November 12, 2008.

AMPEX CORPORATION

By: /s/ D. Gordon Strickland  
D. Gordon Strickland  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signatures</b>        | <b>Title</b>                                              | <b>Date</b>       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| /s/ D. Gordon Strickland | Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director | November 12, 2008 |
| D. Gordon Strickland     | (Principal Executive Officer)                             |                   |
| /s/ Christopher Lake     | Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer     | November 12, 2008 |
| Christopher Lake         | (Principal Chief Financial Officer)                       |                   |
| /s/ Ramon C. H. Venema   | Vice President                                            | November 12, 2008 |
| Ramon C. H. Venema       | (Controller and Principal Accounting Officer)             |                   |
| /s/ Donald L. Hawks III  | Director                                                  | November 12, 2008 |
| Donald L. Hawks III      |                                                           |                   |
| /s/ Raymond F. Weldon    | Director                                                  | November 12, 2008 |
| Raymond F. Weldon        |                                                           |                   |