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 20, 2004

AMPEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-20292 (Commission 13-3667696 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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1228 Douglas Avenue

Redwood City, California (Address of principal executive offices)

94063-3117 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(650) 367-2011

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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On October 20, 2004, Ampex Corporation announced that it has entered into separate license agreements with two major Japanese manufacturers of digital still cameras, Canon Inc. and Sanyo Electric Company Ltd. 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 20, 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 20, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Number Description
99.1* Press Release dated October 20, 2004.

^{*} Filed herewith.