

AMPEX CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 19, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 19, 2007

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**AMPEX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-20292**  
(Commission File Number)

**1228 Douglas Avenue**

**Redwood City, California 94063-3117**

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(650) 367-2011**

**13-3667696**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.04. Triggering Events that Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement.**

On July 13, 2007, Ampex Corporation ( Ampex or the Company ) received a notice from Hillside Capital Incorporated ( Hillside ) alleging that Ampex has breached the Hillside-Ampex/Sherborne Agreement dated December 1, 1994 (the Hillside Agreement ), and further alleging that if this breach is not cured within ten days after delivery of the notice, i.e., by July 23, 2007, it will constitute an event of default under the Hillside Agreement, which would entitle Hillside to declare approximately \$40 million of notes previously issued by Ampex to Hillside under the Hillside Agreement to be immediately due and payable.

Ampex does not agree that any breach has occurred, or that there is any basis for declaring a default under the Hillside Agreement or declaring the Hillside notes to be due and payable. Ampex has notified Hillside of its position, and intends to vigorously defend its position, if ultimately required to do so. Any acceleration of the notes by Hillside, unless waived or rescinded, could result in the occurrence of an event of default under certain of the Company s other obligations, including approximately \$7 million of its Senior Notes due 2008, which would entitle holders of such indebtedness to accelerate the maturity of those obligations.

The Hillside Agreement and the alleged breach are further described in Ampex s press release dated July 19, 2007, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Ampex Corporation dated July 19, 2007.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

AMPEX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joel D. Talcott  
Joel D. Talcott  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: July 19, 2007

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                                      |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1*                     | Press Release of Ampex Corporation dated July 19, 2007. |

\* Filed herewith.