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): July 12, 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.)

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

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 12, 2004, Ampex Corporation announced that it has filed a complaint with the International Trade Commission seeking an exclusion order barring Sony Corporation from the importation and sale of digital still cameras and personal digital assistants (PDAs) with digital image storage and retrieval capabilities into the United States due to Sony s unauthorized use of Ampex s intellectual property. Ampex also announced that it has filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, seeking unspecified damages from Sony for patent infringement. A copy of Ampex s press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release of Ampex Corporation dated July 12, 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: July 12, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1*	Press Release dated July 12, 2004.

^{*} Filed herewith.