# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 10-Q/A**

(Amendment No. 1)

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004

OR

" TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 0-20292

# **AMPEX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 13-3667696 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1228 Douglas Avenue

Redwood City, California 94063-3199

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 367-2011

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of September 30, 2004, the aggregate number of outstanding shares of our Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par value, was 3,642,517. There were no outstanding shares of our Class C Common Stock, \$0.01 par value.

**Explanatory Note** 

#### Restatement of Financial Statements for Correction of Error in Accounting for the Media Pension Plan

This Amendment No. 1 to Ampex Corporation s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004 includes restated unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 to correct the accounting for our obligations under a pension plan of our former magnetic tape manufacturing subsidiary (Media) which we disposed of in 1995.

The agreement for the sale of Media required the buyer, Quantegy Corporation, to pay directly or to reimburse Ampex for required contributions to the Media pension plan. However, we remained the Plan Sponsor of the Media pension plan and remained obligated to make pension contributions to that Plan.

We had accounted for our obligations under the Media pension plan under SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies since the sale of Media in 1995. However, as a result of communications with the Office of the Chief Accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we now believe that we should have accounted for these obligations under the provisions of SFAS No. 87, Employers Accounting for Pensions.

In connection with the restatement of the Company s consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company and the Audit Committee determined that its pension accounting constitutes a material weakness.

As a result of the foregoing, the Company has restated its consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), cash flows, and stockholders deficit for the three years within the period ending December 31, 2003, including the corresponding 2003 and 2002 unaudited interim periods, and the unaudited quarterly periods ended March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004 and September 30, 2004. The restatement affects periods prior to 2001. The impact of the restatement on such prior periods is reflected as an adjustment to accumulated deficit, other accrued liabilities, other liabilities and minimum pension liability adjustment within Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income as of January 1, 2001. The effect of the restatement on net income (loss) and diluted earnings (loss) per share is set forth in Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Part I of this Form 10-Q/A

Note 1, Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements, discloses the nature of the restatement adjustments and shows the impact of the restatement adjustments on income (loss) from continuing operations and net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders and related diluted income (loss) per share amounts for each of the periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003. In addition, Note 1 to the restated unaudited consolidated financial statements shows the effects of the adjustment on total liabilities, the accumulated deficit and total stockholders deficit as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The impact of the restatement adjustments affecting periods prior to 2001 has been reflected in adjusted stockholders deficit as of January 1, 2001. For information on the impact of the restatement on the years 2000 and 1999, reference is made to Item 6, Selected Financial Data, in Part II of the 2003 Form 10-K/A.

For a discussion of the Company s accounting for its obligations under SFAS No. 87, Employers Accounting for Pensions, see Note 16 to the restated consolidated financial statements accompanying the 2003 Form 10K/A. Other notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements of this Form 10-Q/A affected by the restatement have also been revised.

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This Form 10-Q/A amends and restates Item 1, 2 and 4 of Part I of the original Form 10-Q, and no other information included in the original Form 10-Q is amended hereby. The explanatory caption at the beginning of each of these revised items of this Form 10-Q/A sets forth the nature of the revisions to that item.

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The Company did not amend its Annual Reports on Form 10-K or Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for periods affected by the restatement that ended prior to December 31, 2002, and the financial statements and related financial information contained in such reports should no longer be relied upon and are superceded by the information in this Form 10-Q/A. The Company did not amend its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for periods affected by the restatement for the year ended December 31, 2003, and the financial statements and related financial information contained in such reports should no longer be relied upon and are superceded by the information and are superceded by the information contained in such reports should no longer be relied upon and are superceded by the information in this Form 10-Q/A.

This Amendment does not reflect events that have occurred after the November 22, 2004 filing date of the Form 10-Q that was originally filed, or modify or update the disclosures presented in the original Form 10-Q, except to reflect the corrections described above. Information with respect to those events has been or will be set forth, as appropriate, in the Company s subsequent periodic filings, including its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K. Any reference to facts and circumstances at a current date refer to such facts and circumstances as of such original filing date.

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#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

#### (in thousands, except share and per share data)

#### (unaudited)

	September 30, 2004 Restated		December 31, 2003	
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ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,451	\$	14,023
Short-term investments		9,160		
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$88 in 2004 and \$137 in 2003)		2,892		4,513
Inventories		6,184		6,343
Other current assets		4,052		4,366
Total current assets		27,739		29,245
		21,100		
Property, plant and equipment		4,333		4,825
Other assets		598		1,127
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Total assets	\$	32,670	\$	35,197
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LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS DEFICIT				
Current liabilities:				
Notes payable	\$	132	\$	146
Accounts payable		2,579		1,511
Net liabilities of discontinued operations		807		1,076
Accrued restructuring costs		631		1,300
Other accrued liabilities		12,731		24,844
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Total current liabilities		16,880		28,877
Long-term debt		89,560		74,022
Other liabilities		73,758		74,561
Accrued restructuring costs		1,794		3,450
Net liabilities of discontinued operations		1,354		2,071
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Total liabilities

Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)

Mandatorily redeemable nonconvertible preferred stock, \$1,000 liquidation value: Authorized: 69,970 shares in 2004 and in 2003 Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003

Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, \$2,000 liquidation value: Authorized: 21,859 shares in 2004 and in 2003 Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003

Convertible preferred stock, \$2,000 liquidation value:

182,981

183,346

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Authorized: 10,000 shares in 2004 and in 2003		
Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003		
issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2005		
Stockholders deficit:		
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value:		
Authorized: 898,171 shares in 2004 and in 2003		
Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003		
Common stock, \$.01 par value:		
Class A:		
Authorized: 175,000,000 shares in 2004 and in 2003		
Issued and outstanding - 3,642,517 shares in 2004; 3,728,017 in 2003	36	37
Class C:		
Authorized: 50,000,000 shares in 2004 and in 2003		
Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003		
Other additional capital	454,468	454,394
Accumulated deficit	(516,010)	(510,042)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(89,170)	(92,173)
Total stockholders deficit	(150,676)	(147,784)
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Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and stockholders, deficit	\$ 32,670	\$ 35,197
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and stockholders deficit	\$ 32,070	φ 55,197

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

#### (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	Restated Restated		Restated	Restated
Licensing revenue	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,744	\$ 4,861	\$ 7,702
Product revenue	4,390	6,367	15,767	17,950
Service revenue	2,173	2,065	6,496	7,049
Total revenue	8,322	10,176	27,124	32,701
Intellectual property costs	1,653	205	4,595	796
Cost of product sales	3,069	3,848	9,955	10,712
Cost of service	688	747	2,342	2,375
Research, development and engineering	1,022	696	2,853	2,326
Selling and administrative Restructuring charges (credits)	3,326 (1,410)	2,848	9,160 (1,410)	9,095
Total costs and operating expenses	8,348	8,344	27,495	25,304
Operating income (loss)	(26)	1,832	(371)	7,397
Media pension costs	322	328	965	982
Interest expense	2,534	2,215	7,312	6,716
Amortization of debt financing costs	14	15	42	43
Interest income	(30)	(57)	(88)	(86)
Other (income) expense, net	(385)	2	(381)	35
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in income of limited partnership, including sale of investment	(2,481)	(671)	(8.221)	(293)
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Provision for (benefit of) income taxes		(3,981)	248	(3,306)
Equity in income of limited partnership, including sale of investment	(591)		(2,149)	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations (Note 5)	(1,890)	3,310	(6,320)	3,013
Income from discontinued operations (net of taxes of nil in 2004)	352		352	
Net income (loss)	(1,538)	3,310	(5,968)	3,013
Benefit from extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock		974		3,041
Preferred dividends ascribed, but not declared		(451)		(1,416)
Undistributed net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders	(1,538)	3,833	(5,968)	4,638
Other comprehensive income (loss) pat of tax:				

Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:

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Foreign currency translation adjustments	2	(67)	46	(54)
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