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FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CALAMP CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

95-3647070

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1401 N. Rice Avenue
Oxnard, California 93030
(805) 987-9000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Large accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer
 Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to Be Registered⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price⁽¹⁾	Amount of Registration Fee⁽²⁾
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share				
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share				
Warrants				
Debt Securities				
TOTAL			\$75,000,000	\$10,230.00

⁽¹⁾ There are being registered under this Registration Statement an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, preferred stock, warrants and debt securities as may be sold by the registrant from time to time, which together shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$75,000,000. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with the other securities registered hereunder. The proposed maximum offering price per unit will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereunder. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the registrant is also registering such additional indeterminate number of shares of common stock as may become issuable as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. The proposed maximum aggregate offering price per class of security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereunder and is not specified as to each class of security pursuant to General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.

⁽²⁾ Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated December 20, 2012

PROSPECTUS

CalAmp Corp.

\$75,000,000

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Warrants
Debt Securities**

We may offer to sell common stock, preferred stock, warrants or debt securities, and we may offer and sell these securities from time to time in one or more offerings. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$75,000,000.

Each time we sell securities hereunder, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the terms of the offering, including the price at which we are offering the securities to the public. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained or incorporated in this prospectus. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you in connection with these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as any documents incorporated by reference, before buying any of the securities being offered.

The securities may be offered directly by us, through agents designated from time to time by us or to or through underwriters or dealers. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, their names, any over-allotment and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" for more information.

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or NASDAQ, under the symbol "CAMP". On December 19, 2012, the closing price of our common stock was \$8.47 per share. We have not yet determined whether the other securities that may be offered by this prospectus will be listed on any exchange, inter-dealer quotation system or over-the-counter market. If we decide to seek the listing of any such securities upon issuance, the prospectus supplement relating to those securities will disclose the exchange, quotation system or market on which the securities will be listed.

This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. YOU SHOULD REVIEW CAREFULLY THE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES DESCRIBED UNDER THE HEADING RISK FACTORS CONTAINED HEREIN AND IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND ANY FREE WRITING PROSPECTUS, AND IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN OR THEREIN.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2012

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The distribution of this prospectus may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. You should inform yourself about and observe any of these restrictions. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this document are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this prospectus does not extend to you.

This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

This prospectus and any accompanying supplement to this prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate.

We have not authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about us that is different from, or in addition to, that contained in this prospectus, including in any of the materials that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, and any free writing prospectus prepared or authorized by us. Therefore, if anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it as authorized by us. You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying supplement to this prospectus or free writing prospectus is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying supplement to this prospectus is delivered or securities are sold on a later date. Neither the delivery of this prospectus, nor any sale made hereunder, shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date hereof or that the information incorporated by reference herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$75,000,000.

The types of securities that we may offer and sell, from time to time, pursuant to this prospectus are:

- common stock;
- preferred stock;
- warrants; and
- debt securities.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we sell securities pursuant to this prospectus, we will describe, in a prospectus supplement which we will deliver with this prospectus, specific information about the offering and the terms of the particular securities offered. In each prospectus supplement, we will include the following information, if applicable:

- the type and amount of securities that we propose to sell;
- the initial public offering price per share of the securities;
- the names of any underwriters, agents or dealers through or to which the securities will be sold;
- any compensation of those underwriters, agents or dealers;
- any additional risk factors applicable to the securities or our business and operations; and
- any other material information about the offering and sale of the securities.

In addition, the prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained or incorporated in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will supersede this prospectus to the extent it contains information that is different from, or that conflicts with, the information contained or incorporated in this prospectus. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. You should read and consider all information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement (and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information contained in the documents identified under the heading **Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference** and **Where You Can Find More Information** in this prospectus.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed, will be filed or will be incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under the heading **Where You Can Find Additional Information**.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms **we**, **us**, **our**, **the Company**, **CalAmp** and similar terms refer to CalAmp Corp., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, you should consider carefully the risks, uncertainties and other factors described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as supplemented and updated by subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K that we have filed or will file with the SEC, and in other documents which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as well as the risk factors and other information contained in or incorporated by reference into the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus.

If any of these risks were to occur, our business, affairs, prospects, assets, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. If this occurs, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. For more information about our SEC filings, please see [Where You Can Find Additional Information](#).

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). We intend such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements provide our current expectations and forecasts about future events.

These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements relating to our plans, strategies, objectives, expectations, intentions, projections and other information regarding future performance. The words may , will , could , plans , intends , seeks , believes , anticipates , expects , estimates , judgment , goal , and variations of these words and similar expressions, are intended to identify forward-looking statements

These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, product demand, market growth, competitive pressures and pricing declines in our Satellite and Wireless markets, supplier constraints, manufacturing yields, the length and extent of the global economic downturn that has and may continue to adversely affect our business, and other risks and uncertainties that are set forth above and under the caption Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2012, as well as in any future filings we may make that may be incorporated by reference herein. Such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from historical or anticipated results. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our expectations will be attained. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

For information on the documents we are incorporating by reference and how to obtain a copy, please see the Where You Can Find More Information section in this prospectus.

CALAMP CORP.

We develop and market wireless technology solutions that deliver data connectivity products and services for critical networked communications and other applications. Our two business segments are Wireless DataCom, which serves commercial, industrial and government customers, and Satellite, which focuses on the North American Direct Broadcast Satellite, or DBS, market.

Wireless DataCom

The Wireless DataCom segment provides wireless technology, products and services for industrial Machine-to-Machine, or M2M, and Mobile Resource Management, or MRM, market segments for a wide range of applications including:

- Optimizing and automating electricity distribution and ancillary utility functions;
- Facilitating communication and coordination among emergency first-responders;
- Increasing productivity and optimizing activities of mobile workforces;
- Improving management control over valuable remote and mobile assets; and
- Enabling emerging applications in a wirelessly connected world.

We have expertise in designing and providing solutions involving various combinations of private and public (cellular infrastructure) networks, narrowband and broadband frequencies, licensed and unlicensed radio spectrum, and mobile and fixed-remote communications. Our Wireless DataCom segment is comprised of a Wireless Networks business and an MRM business, as described further below.

Wireless Networks

Our Wireless Networks business provides products, systems and services to industrial, utility, energy and transportation enterprises and state and local governmental entities for deployment where the ability to communicate with mobile personnel or to command and control remote assets is crucial. Our wireless technology solutions also play a strategic role in support of North American Homeland Security initiatives and global electrical grid modernization.

Utilities, oil and gas, mining, railroad and security companies rely on our products for wireless data communications to and from outlying locations, permitting real-time monitoring, activation and control of remote equipment. Applications include remotely measuring freshwater and wastewater flows, pipeline flow monitoring for oil and gas transport, automated utility meter reading, remote internet access and perimeter monitoring. We are among the leaders in the application of wireless communications technology to Smart Grid power distribution automation for electric utilities.

Municipal, county and state governments, public safety agencies and emergency first-responders rely on our solutions for public safety mobile communications. We design and build multi-network wireless systems that permit first-responder fire, police and Emergency Medical Services personnel to access data and communicate remotely with colleagues, dispatchers and back-office databases.

Mobile Resource Management (MRM)

Our MRM business addresses the need for location awareness and control of assets on the move. MRM wireless solutions typically include Global Positioning System, or GPS, location, cellular data modems and programmable events-based notification firmware as key components, allowing customers to know where and how their assets are performing, no matter where those mobile assets are located. Commercial organizations, vehicle finance providers, city and county governments, and a wide range of other enterprises rely on our products and systems to optimize delivery of services and protect valuable assets. Applications include fleet management, asset tracking, student and school bus tracking and route optimization, stolen vehicle recovery, remote asset security, remote vehicle start, and machine-to-machine communications. In addition to functioning as an OEM supplier of location and communications hardware for MRM applications, we are a total solutions provider of turn-key systems incorporating location and communications hardware, cellular airtime and Web-based remote asset management tools and

interfaces.

Satellite

The Satellite segment develops, manufactures and sells DBS outdoor customer premise equipment and whole home video networking devices for digital and high definition satellite TV reception. Our satellite products are sold primarily to EchoStar, an affiliate of Dish Network, one of the two DBS system operators in the U.S., for incorporation into complete subscription satellite television systems.

Our DBS reception products are installed at subscriber premises to receive television programming signals transmitted from orbiting satellites. These DBS reception products consist principally of outdoor electronics that receive, process, amplify and switch satellite television signals for distribution over coaxial cable to multiple set-top boxes inside the home that can acquire, recognize and process the signal to create a picture.

Corporate Information

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 1401 N. Rice Avenue, Oxnard, California 93030, and our telephone number is (805) 987-9000. Our website is www.calamp.com. Except for the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus as described under the heading **Incorporation by Reference**, the information and other content contained on our website are not incorporated by reference and do not constitute part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment in our securities.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will retain broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used for pursuing business opportunities, including the recently announced definitive agreement to acquire the operations of Wireless Matrix Corporation and possibly other acquisitions, and for other general corporate purposes including working capital, capital expenditures, stock repurchases and the repayment of debt. We may also invest the proceeds in certificates of deposit, United States government securities or certain other interest-bearing securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. This information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Nine Months Ended		Year Ended			
	November 24, 2012	February 25, 2012	February 26, 2011	February 27, 2010	February 28, 2009	March 1, 2008
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	17.2x	4.0x				

We compute the ratio of earnings to fixed charges by dividing (i) earnings, which consists of income from continuing operations before income taxes plus fixed charges, by (ii) fixed charges, which consist of interest expense, amortization of debt issue costs and discount, and the estimated interest component of rent. The ratio of earnings to fixed charges was less than 1:1 for the years ended February 26, 2011, February 27, 2010, February 28, 2009 and March 1, 2008. In order to achieve a ratio of earnings to fixed charges of 1:1, we would have had to generate an additional \$3.5 million, \$12.2 million, \$45.9 million and \$103.3 million in pre-tax earnings in 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Because we have not issued any preferred stock to date, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividend requirements is identical to the ratio shown above.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Capital Stock

The following descriptions are summaries of the material terms of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. Reference is made to the more detailed provisions of, and the descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to, our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, copies of which are filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 83,000,000 shares, divided into 80,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 3,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 19, 2012, there were 29,820,451 shares of common stock outstanding held by approximately 1,650 holders of record and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Common Stock

Dividend Rights. Subject to the preferences of any preferred stock and any other stock ranking prior to the common stock as to dividends, holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefor.

Voting Rights. Each holder of our common stock is entitled to one vote for each share on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote. Holders of our common stock do not have cumulative voting rights.

Liquidation, Dissolution and Winding-up Rights. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities, subject to prior distribution rights of preferred stock, if any, then outstanding.

Pre-emptive and Other Rights. Our common stock has no pre-emptive, subscription or conversion rights and are not subject to further calls or assessments, or rights of redemption by us. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock.

Preferred Stock

The Board has the authority to issue 3,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series with dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption terms, liquidation preferences and other rights or preferences that could be senior to those of holders of common stock without further vote or action by our stockholders.

The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of CalAmp without further action by our stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 prevents a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with any interested stockholder for three years following the date that the person became an interested stockholder, unless the interested stockholder attained such status with the approval of our Board of Directors or unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A business combination includes, among other things, a merger or consolidation involving us, and the interested stockholder and the sale of more than 10% of our assets. In general, an interested stockholder is any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

In addition, our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws include a number of provisions that may have the effect of discouraging persons from pursuing non-negotiated takeover attempts. These provisions include:

- advance notice requirements for director nominations and other actions to be taken at stockholder meetings; and
- blank check preferred stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., LLC.

Nasdaq Global Select Market

Our common stock is listed on NASDAQ under the symbol CAMP.

Description of Other Securities

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement a description and the particular terms of any debt securities or warrants that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The securities being offered by this prospectus may be sold by us:

- through agents;
- to or through underwriters;
- to or through broker-dealers (acting as agent or principal);
- in at the market offerings within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange, or otherwise;
- directly to purchasers, through a specific bidding or auction process or otherwise;
- through a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- through any other methods described in a prospectus supplement.

The distribution of securities may be effected, from time to time, in one or more transactions, including block transactions and transactions on NASDAQ or any other organized market where the securities may be traded. The securities may be sold at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices relating to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The consideration may be cash or another form negotiated by the parties. Agents, underwriters or broker-dealers may be paid compensation for offering and selling the securities. That compensation may be in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions to be received from us or from the purchasers of the securities. Dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and compensation received by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts. If such dealers or agents were deemed to be underwriters, they may be subject to statutory liabilities under the Securities Act.

Agents may, from time to time, solicit offers to purchase the securities. If required, we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and set forth any compensation payable to the agent. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment. Any agent selling the securities covered by this prospectus may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, of the securities.

If underwriters are used in a sale, securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold, from time to time, in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or under delayed delivery contracts or other contractual commitments. Securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. If an underwriter or underwriters are used in the sale of securities, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter or underwriters at the time an agreement for the sale is reached. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriter or underwriters, with respect to a particular underwritten offering of securities, and will set forth the terms of the transactions, including compensation of the underwriters and dealers and the public offering price, if applicable. The prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will be used by the underwriters to resell the securities.

If a dealer is used in the sale of the securities, we or an underwriter will sell the securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale. To the extent required, we will set forth in the prospectus supplement the name of the dealer and the terms of the transactions.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities and we may make sales of securities directly to institutional investors or others. These persons may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resale of the securities. To the extent required, the prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any such sales, including the terms of any bidding or auction process, if used.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements which may be entered into with us to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities incurred under the Securities Act, or to contribution by us to payments they may be required to make in respect of such liabilities. If required, the prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of such indemnification or contribution. Some of the agents, underwriters or dealers, or their affiliates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

Under the securities laws of some states, the securities offered by this prospectus may be sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

Any person participating in the distribution of common stock registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the applicable SEC rules and regulations, including, among others, Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of our common stock by any such person. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of our common stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock. These restrictions may affect the marketability of our common stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock.

Certain persons participating in an offering may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the offered securities. If any such activities will occur, they will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

SingerLewak LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2012, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of February 28, 2012, as set forth in their reports, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance on SingerLewak LLP's reports, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

LEGAL MATTERS

In connection with particular offerings of the securities in the future, and if stated in the applicable prospectus supplements, the validity of those securities will be passed upon for us by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and for any underwriters or agents, by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file electronically with the SEC our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and other information. We make available on or through our website, www.calamp.com, free of charge, copies of these filings as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file them with or furnish them to the SEC. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You can also request copies of such documents by contacting our Corporate Secretary at 1401 N. Rice Avenue, Oxnard, California 93030. You can also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1 (800) SEC-0330.

The SEC also maintains an Internet world wide web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like CalAmp, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is www.sec.gov. Unless specifically listed below under Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference the information contained on the SEC website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

THIS PROSPECTUS INCORPORATES DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTED IN OR DELIVERED WITH THIS PROSPECTUS. YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS. WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM OR IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS.

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We incorporate information into this prospectus by reference, which means that we disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except to the extent superseded by information contained herein or by information contained in documents filed with or furnished to the SEC after the date of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that have been previously filed with the SEC. These documents contain important information about us and our financial condition.

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2012;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended May 31, 2012, August 31, 2012 and November 30, 2012;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 5, 2012, May 11, 2012 (excluding Item 7.01), August 2, 2012, August 2, 2012 and August 14, 2012;
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form S-1/A filed with the SEC on March 25, 1993, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating that description; and
- our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on June 14, 2012.

We also incorporate by reference into this prospectus additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from the date of this prospectus to the end of the offering of the securities registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. These documents may include annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, as well as proxy statements. We are not incorporating by reference any information furnished to the SEC under items 2.02 or 7.01 (or corresponding information furnished under item 9.01 or included as an exhibit) in any past or future current report on Form 8-K, unless otherwise specified in such current report or in a particular prospectus supplement.

You may obtain copies of any of these filings through CalAmp, through the SEC or through the SEC's Internet website, each as described above. Documents incorporated by reference are available without charge, excluding all exhibits, unless an exhibit has been specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, by requesting them in writing, as described above.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON OUR WEBSITE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PART OF THIS PROSPECTUS.

CalAmp Corp.

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Warrants
Debt Securities**

PROSPECTUS

, 2012

PART II**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following is a statement of the estimated fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts, commissions and transfer taxes, to be paid by the registrant.

	<u>Amount</u>	
SEC registration fee	\$ 10,230.00	
Printing expenses	\$	(1)
Accounting fees and expenses	\$	(1)
Legal fees and expenses	\$	(1)
Trustee and Transfer Agent fees	\$	(1)
Blue Sky Fees	\$	(1)
Miscellaneous	\$	(1)
Total	\$	(1)

- (1) Fees and expenses (other than the SEC registration fee to be paid upon filing of this registration statement) will depend on the securities offered, the number of issuances and the nature of offerings, and cannot be estimated at this time.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the "DGCL"), allows a corporation to include a provision in its certificate of incorporation limiting or eliminating the personal liability of directors of the corporation to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for (a) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (b) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (c) willfully or negligently authorizing the payment of a dividend or approving a stock repurchase or redemption in violation of the DGCL or (d) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article VII of the registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Article VII of its Bylaws provide for the indemnification by the Company of each director, officer and employee of the Company to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended. Section 145 of the DGCL provides in relevant part that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

In addition, Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. Delaware law further provides that nothing in the above-described provisions shall be deemed exclusive of any other rights to indemnification or advancement of expenses to which any person may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

The registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and officers containing provisions that require the registrant to indemnify its directors and officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors and/or officers and to advance their expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

Should Section 2115 of the California Corporations Code apply to the registrant, the registrant's ability to indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents pursuant to its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, Indemnity Agreements or otherwise may be further limited in accordance with the provisions of the California Corporations Code made applicable by Section 2115.

The registrant maintains an insurance policy that indemnifies directors and officers against certain liabilities under certain circumstances.

Item 16. Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

A. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i), (A)(1)(ii) and (A)(1)(iii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

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B. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

D. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Oxnard, State of California on December 20, 2012.

CALAMP CORP.

By: /s/ Michael Burdick
Michael Burdick
President and Chief Executive Officer

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Messrs. Michael Burdick and Richard Vitelle and each of them severally as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for such person and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and any registration statement relating to the offering covered by this Registration Statement filed pursuant to Rule 462 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might, or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or any substitute therefor, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement on Form S-3 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Name and Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Michael Burdick</u> Michael Burdick	President and Chief Executive Officer; Director (Principal Executive Officer)	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Richard Vitelle</u> Richard Vitelle	VP Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Frank Perna, Jr.</u> Frank Perna, Jr.	Chairman of the Board of Directors	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Kimberly Alexy</u> Kimberly Alexy	Director	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Richard Gold</u> Richard Gold	Director	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ A.J. Moyer</u> A.J. Moyer	Director	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Thomas Pardun</u> Thomas Pardun	Director	December 20, 2012
<u>/s/ Larry Wolfe</u> Larry Wolfe	Director	December 20, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 1.1* Form of Underwriting Agreement.
- 1.2* Form of Placement Agent Agreement.
- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2012).
- 4.2 Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2005).
- 4.3 Specimen of Common Stock Certificate of CalAmp Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Form S-1 Registration Statement dated December 5, 1983).
- 4.4* Form of Certificate of Designations to be used in connection with the issuance of Preferred Stock.
- 4.5* Form of Warrant Agreement.
- 4.6* Form of Debt Security.
- 4.7* Form of Depositary Receipt.
- 4.8 Form of Indenture for Debt.
- 5.1 Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
- 12.2* Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Security Dividends.
- 23.1 Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of SingerLewak LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page hereto).
- 25.1** Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee under the Indenture for Debt.

* To be filed by amendment hereto or pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K to be incorporated herein by reference.

** To be incorporated herein by reference from a subsequent filing in accordance with Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.