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): April 6, 2005

AMPEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-20292 (Commission File Number)

13-3667696 (IRS Employer 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 8.01 Other Events.

On April 6, 2005, Ampex Corporation announced that it has concluded license agreements with two manufacturers of digital still cameras: Casio Computer Co., Ltd., based in Japan, and Samsung Techwin Co., Ltd., based in Korea. The agreements were entered into pursuant to Ampex s ongoing patent licensing program, and permit the use of several U.S. and foreign patents held by Ampex in the manufacture and sale of digital still cameras. 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 April 6, 2005.

[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: April 6, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1* Press Release dated April 6, 2005.

^{*} Filed herewith.