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December 12, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 10)

Ampex Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

032092-30-6
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 10, 2007
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 032092-30-6

- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)
 ValueVest High Concentration Master Fund, Ltd. (20-4574633)
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
 (b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
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- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
 ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
 Cayman Islands
- | | | |
|--------------|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY | | 524,336 |
| EACH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| REPORTING | | 0 |
| PERSON | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| WITH | | 524,336 |
- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON
 524,336
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
 13.4%
- 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)
ValueVest Management Company II, LLC (47-0951956)
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
n/a
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)
- 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
California
- | | | |
|--------------|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES | | 0 |
| BENEFICIALLY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| OWNED BY | | 524,336 |
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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)
Mark B. Bakar
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
n/a
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
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United States of America
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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)
David Cariani
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*
n/a
- 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
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United States of America
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This Amendment No. 10 amends and supplements the Statement on Schedule 13D (“Statement”) filed by the parties named below on November 13, 2006, and the Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3, Amendment No. 4, Amendment No. 5, Amendment No. 6, Amendment No. 7, Amendment No. 8 and Amendment No. 9 thereto filed by the parties named below on November 16, 2006, December 1, 2006, February 20, 2007, March 12, 2007, March 21, 2007, July 20, 2007, July 27, 2007, September 11, 2007 and December 7, 2007 respectively, with respect to the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”), of Ampex Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware (the “Issuer”). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Statement, as amended to date.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is amended by inserting the following paragraphs after the description of the Investment Manager’s letter of December 6, 2007:

On December 10, 2007, the Investment Manager received a letter from Mr. Strickland. That letter is reproduced below (salutation and signature omitted):

“I am writing in response to your letter to the Board of Directors of Ampex Corporation dated December 6, 2007.

Your letter purports to present an assessment of Ampex’s financial health based on a combination of inaccuracies and selected publicly-available data. Your conclusions are not accurate. I refer you to our Form 10-Q as of September 30, 2007 for a complete discussion of Ampex’s current financial position and need to restructure its outstanding indebtedness and future pension obligations.

Ampex’s Board is well aware of the fiduciary duties governing its stewardship of the interests of its senior noteholders, creditors and shareholders. In fulfillment of those duties, together with its advisors, Ampex’s Board and management will continue to evaluate all potential alternatives for resolving its outstanding debt and pension obligations.

While we welcome input from shareholders and will continue to engage in a dialogue with all of our constituents, we do not intend to respond in writing to further correspondence from Value Vest.”

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 12, 2007

ValueVest High Concentration Master Fund, Ltd.

/s/ Mark B. Bakar
By: Mark B. Bakar
Title: Director

ValueVest Management Company II, LLC

/s/ David Cariani
By: David Cariani
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Mark B. Bakar
Mark B. Bakar

/s/ David Cariani
David Cariani

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