SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(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.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Sep	September 30, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	(u	naudited)			
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	
Property, plant and equipment		4,333		4,825	
Other assets		598		1,127	
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		11,890		23,956	
Total current liabilities		16,039		27,989	
Long-term debt		89,560		74,022	
Other liabilities		63,618		63,802	
Accrued restructuring costs		1,794		3,450	
Net liabilities of discontinued operations		1,354		2,071	
Total liabilities		172,365		171,334	
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:					

Authorized: 10,000 shares in 2004 and in 2003 Issued and outstanding - none in 2004 and in 2003

Stockholders deficit:

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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	(523,581)	(518,578)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(70,618)	(71,990)
Total stockholders deficit	(139,695)	(136,137)
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and stockholders deficit	\$ 32,670	\$ 35,197

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)

		ee Months Ended ember 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2004	2003	2004	2003		
		(unaud	lited)			
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	3,326	2,848	9,160	9,095		
Restructuring charges (credits)	(1,410)		(1,410)			
Total costs and operating expenses	8,348	8,344	27,495	25,304		
Operating income (loss)	(26)	1,832	(371)	7,397		
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		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in income of limited partnership, including sale of investment	(2,159)	(343)	(7,256)	689		
Provision for (benefit of) income taxes		(3,981)	248	(3,306)		
Equity in income of limited partnership, including sale of investment	(591)	(2,222)	(2,149)	(2,2 * 2)		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations (Note 5)	(1,568)	3,638	(5,355)	3,995		
Income from discontinued operations (net of taxes of nil in 2004)	352		352			
Net income (loss)	(1,216)	3,638	(5,003)	3,995		
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	(1,216)	4,161	(5,003)	5,620		
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: Foreign currency translation adjustments	2	(67)	46	(54)		

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Comprehensive income (loss)		(1,214)	\$	4,094	\$	(4,957)	\$	5,566
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Basic and diluted undistributed income (loss) per share (Note 5) :								
Undistributed income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$	(0.43)	\$	0.98	\$	(1.46)	\$	0.80
Income per share from discontinued operations		0.10	\$		\$	0.10	\$	
Undistributed income (loss) per share applicable to common stockholders	\$	(0.33)	\$	1.28	\$	(1.36)	\$	1.75
Weighted average number of basic and diluted common shares								
outstanding	3,	,642,517	3,	260,733	3,	667,572		