

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. ___)

Tegal Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, No Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)

879008100

(CUSIP Number)

with a copy to:

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 10, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of sections 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. ?

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See section 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

Austin W. Marxe and David M. Greenhouse

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a) Not Applicable

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions): 00

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):

Not Applicable

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization: United States

Number of 7. Sole Voting Power: 0*

Shares Beneficially 8. Shared Voting Power:

8,407,609*

Owned by

Each Reporting 9. Sole Dispositive Power: 0*

Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power:

8,407,609*

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:

8,407,609*

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares

(See Instructions): Not Applicable

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 34.3% *

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions): IA, IN

* This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marx (?Marxe?) and David M. Greenhouse (?Greenhouse?). Marx and Greenhouse share sole voting and investment power over 800 shares of Common Stock, 1,465,350 bonds convertible for 1,186,714 shares of common stock and 857,131 warrants owned by Special Situations Private Equity Fund, L.P., 817,098 bonds convertible for 2,334,566 shares of Common Stock and 477,906 Warrants owned by Special Situations Technology Fund II, L.P., 159,942 bonds convertible for 456,977 shares of Common Stock and 93,515 Warrants owned by Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P. See Items 2 and 5 of this Schedule 13D for additional information.

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This schedule related to the common stock, convertible bonds and warrants of Tegal Corporation. (the ?Issuer?). The Issuer?s principal executive officers are located at 2201 south McDowell blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

The persons filing this report are Austin W. Marx (?Marxe?) and David M. Greenhouse (?Greenhouse?), who are members of MG Advisers L.L.C. (?MG?), the general partner of and investment adviser to Special Situations Private Equity Fund, L.P. (?SSPE?), and members of SST Advisers, L.L.C. (?SSTA?), the general partner of and investment adviser to Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P. (?Technology?) and Special Situations Technology Fund II, L.P. (?Technology II?). (SSPE, Technology and Technology II will hereafter be referred to as, the ?Funds?).

The principal office and business address of the Reporting Persons, is 153 East 53rd Street, 55th Floor, New York NY 10022.

The principal business of each Fund is to invest in equity and equity-related securities and other securities of any kind or nature.

Mr. Marx and Mr. Greenhouse have never been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor have either of them been a party to any civil proceeding commenced before a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he was or is now subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. Mr. Marx and Mr. Greenhouse are citizens of the United States.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Each Fund utilized its own available net assets to purchase the securities referred to in this Schedule.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The securities referred to in this Schedule have been acquired by each of the Funds for investment purposes and not with the purpose or effect of changing or influencing control of the Issuer. Each Fund acquired the securities in the ordinary course of business and is holding the securities for the benefit of its investors.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

SSPE owns 800 shares of Common Stock, 1,465,350 bonds convertible for 4,186,714 shares of common stock and 857,131 Warrants, or 23.9% of the outstanding shares, Technology owns 159,942 bonds convertible for 456,977 shares of Common Stock and 93,515 Warrants or 3.3% of the shares outstanding and Technology II owns 817,098 bonds convertible for 2,334,566 shares of common stock and 477,906 warrants or 14.9% of the shares outstanding. Marxe and Greenhouse share the power to vote and direct the disposition of all shares owned by each of, the Funds. Messrs. Marxe and Greenhouse are deemed to beneficially own a total of 800 shares of Common Stock, 2,442,390 bonds convertible for 6,978,257 shares of common stock and 1,428,552 Warrants or 34.3% of the outstanding shares.

The following table reflects the acquisitions and dispositions by each of the Funds during the sixty days preceding the date of the event that requires the filing of this statement:

A. Special Situations Private Equity Fund, L.P.

Date
Quantity
Average Price

(Purchases)

9/10/03 convertible
bonds
1,305,420
\$100
9/10/03 Warrants
745,944

Date
Quantity
Average Price

(Sales)

September 8, 2003
58,300
\$1.45
September 9, 2003
39,000
\$1.52
September 10, 2003
900
\$1.51

B. Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P.

Date
Quantity
Average Price

(Purchases)

9/10/03 convertible
bonds
144,423
\$100
9/10/03 Warrants
81,384

Date

Quantity

Average Price

(Sales)

September 8, 2003
6,500
\$1.45
September 9, 2003
4,000
\$1.52
September 10, 2003
100
\$1.51

C. Special Situations Technology Fund II, L.P.

Date

Quantity

Average Price

(Purchases)

9/10/03 convertible
bonds
727,857
\$100
9/10/03 Warrants
415,912

Date

Quantity

Average Price

(Sales)

September 8, 2003
32,500
\$1.45
September 9, 2003
22,000
\$1.52
September 10, 2003
500
\$1.51

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

No contracts, arrangements, understandings or similar relationships exist with respect to the securities of the Company between Messrs. Marxe and Greenhouse and any other individual or entity.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Joint Filing Agreement.

Signature

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

October 9, 2003

/s/ Austin W. Marxe
Austin W. Marxe

/s/ David M. Greenhouse
David M. Greenhouse

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Austin W. Marxe and David M. Greenhouse hereby agree that the Schedule 13D to which this agreement is attached is filed on behalf of each of them.

/s/ Austin W. Marxe
Austin W. Marxe

/s/ David M. Greenhouse
David M. Greenhouse

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