

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TEGAL CORP /DE/ [TGAL] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 153 E 53RD ST, 55TH FL | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2004 | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2004 | | S | 10,000 (1) | D \$ 2.977 | 3,067,326 (1) | I (1) | |
| | | | | | | | By Limited Partnerships (1) | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Convertible Bonds | \$ 0.35 | 02/18/2004 | | C | 3,500 | 09/10/2003 09/09/2011 | Common Stock 10,000 | \$ 0.35 | 573,460 | I | By Limited Partnerships |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M 153 E 53RD ST 55TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| Austin W. Marxe | 02/18/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| David M. Greenhouse | 02/18/2004 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Private Equity Fund, L.P. (PE), Special Situations Technology Fund, LP (Tech) and Special Situations Technology II, Fund, L.P. (Tech II), respectively. 346,295 Bonds Cvt for 989,414 Common (I) Stock and 857,131 Wts are held by PE, 36,077 Bonds Cvt for 103,077 Common Stock and 93,515 Wts are held by Tech and 317 Common Stock, 191,088 Bonds Cvt for 545,966 Common Stock and 477,906 Wts are held by Tech II. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by PE, Tech, and Tech II is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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