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> > SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ESSEX CORPORATION (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

54-0846569 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

> 9150 GUILFORD ROAD COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21046 (301) 939-7000 (ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF REGISTRANT'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

LEONARD E. MOODISPAW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ESSEX CORPORATION 9150 GUILFORD ROAD COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21046

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(NAME, ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO PUBLIC: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. / /

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. /X/

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pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. / /

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. / /

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. / /

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(A), MAY DETERMINE.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

THIS POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO FORM S-3 REMOVES FROM THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND DEREGISTERS 17,634 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF ESSEX CORPORATION (THE "COMPANY") HELD BY GEF MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND 534,166 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY HELD BY GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, LP THAT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR REGISTRATION IN AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT (FILE NO. 333-120137) FILED BY THE COMPANY ON NOVEMBER 9, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant has duly caused this Post Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of Howard, State of Maryland, on November 12, 2004.

SIGNATURE	TITLE
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H. JEFFREY LEONARD	Chairman of the Board
/s/ LEONARD E. MOODISPAW	President, Chief Executive Officer, and
LEONARD E. MOODISPAW	Director (principal executive officer)
/s/ LISA G. JACOBSON	
LISA G. JACOBSON	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)

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_____ JOHN G. HANNON Director * _____ ROBERT W. HICKS Director * _____ RAY M. KEELER Director _____ Director ANTHONY M. JOHNSON * _____ MARIE S. MINTON Director * _____ ARTHUR L. MONEY Director * _____ TERRY M. TURPIN Director *By: /S/ LEONARD E. MOODISPAW -----LEONARD E. MOODISPAW ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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o Pursuant to a power of attorney dated April 29, 2003 filed with the Registration Statement (No. 333-104819)