

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MARXE AUSTIN W &  
 GREENHOUSE DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS  
 FUNDS, 527 MADISON AVENUE,  
 SUITE 2600

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY  
 CORP /DE/ [atco]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/16/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2009                           |  | S                              | 150,000   | D \$ 2.0708   | 3,299,081  | I  | By Limited Partnership               |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2009                           |  | S                              | 1,900   | D \$ 2.25   | 3,297,181  | I  | By Limited Partnership               |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2009                           |  | S                              | 100,000<br><u>(1)</u>   | D \$ 2.298  | 3,197,181<br><u>(1)</u>                                  | I <u>(1)</u>                               | By Limited Partnership<br><u>(1)</u> |

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)

| 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 (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M<br>C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS<br>527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Austin Marxe  
09/18/2009  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

David Greenhouse  
09/18/2009  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) & David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP), Special Situations Private Equity Fund, L.P. (PE), Special Situations Technology Fund, LP (Tech) & Special Situations Technology II, Fund, L.P. (Tech II), respectively. 1,459,791 shares of Common Stock are held by QP, 510,425 shares of Common Stock are held by PE, 170,038 shares of Common Stock are held by Tech and 1,056,927

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shares of Common Stock are held by Tech II. The interest of Marx and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP, PE, Tech, and Tech II is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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