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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO] MARXE AUSTIN W & (Month/Day/Year) 08/07/2006 GREENHOUSE DAVID M (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS (Check all applicable) FUNDS. 527 MADISON **AVENUE, SUITE 2600** Director __X__ 10% Owner (Street) Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Common Stock I (1) 3,449,081 (1) By Limited Partnerships (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 2. Date Exercisable and 5. Security **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Beneficial Ownership Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4) or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Warrants A	08/07/2006	04/07/2010	Common Stock	788,090 (1)	\$ 2.67	I (1)	By Limited Partnerships (1)
Warrants B	07/19/2005	07/19/2009	Common Stock	344,155 (1)	\$ 6.36	I (1)	By Limited Partnerships (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE DAVID M C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS 527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600 NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022

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Signatures

Austin W. 08/17/2006

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

David M. O8/17/2006 Greenhouse

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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. 1,574,806 shares of CS, 372,466

(1) Wts A & 164,853 Wts B are held by QP, 550,640 shares of CS, 102,564 Wts A & 75,307 Wts B are held by PE, 183,435 shares of CS, 43,385 Wts A & 14,344 Wts B are held by Tech & 1,140,200 shares of CS, 269,675 Wts A & 89,651 Wts B are held by Tech II. The interest of Marxe 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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