

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\*

Techne Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

0008783771

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(CUSIP Number)

George A. Vandeman  
One Amgen Center Drive,  
Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1789

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 15, 1998

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(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 which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box .

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\* 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 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
AMGEN INC.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
NA

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT  
TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
DELAWARE

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF 7  
SHARES 0 shares

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY 8  
OWNED BY 0 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH 9  
REPORTING 0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
PERSON WITH 10  
0 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
0 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
CO

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

PRELIMINARY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 amends the Schedule 13D filed by Amgen Inc. dated July 23, 1992 (the "Schedule"). This Amendment No. 1 is being filed because Amgen Inc. is no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(d) of the Security Exchange Act of 1934 as a result of the disposition of the 1,071,894 shares of common stock (\$.01 par value) of Techne Corporation (the "Issuer") previously held by Amgen Inc. (the "Shares") pursuant to a sale of the Shares on the open market on April 15, 1998 for \$17.00 per share.

Other than as set forth below, to the best knowledge of Amgen Inc., there has been no material change in the information set forth in response to Items 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the Schedule. Accordingly, these Items are omitted from this Amendment No. 1.

Item 2.  
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1. (a) Reporting Person: Amgen Inc. ("Amgen")
- (b) Place of Organization: Delaware
- (c) Principal Business: Pharmaceuticals

Principal Business Address:

Amgen Inc.  
Amgen Center  
One Amgen Center Drive  
Thousand Oaks, Ca 91320-1789

Principal Office: (See above address)

- (d) See 2(d) and (e) below

2. (a) Enumerated Persons:

The executive officers and directors of Amgen are as follows:

Name -----	Position Held with Amgen -----
Mr. Gordon M. Binder	Chairman of the Board; Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Kevin W. Sharer	President, Chief Operating Officer, member of the Board

Dr. N. Kirby Alton	Senior Vice President - Development
Mr. Robert S. Attiyeh	Senior Vice President - Finance and Corporate Development
Mr. Stanley M. Benson	Senior Vice President - Sales and Marketing
Dr. Dennis M. Fenton	Senior Vice President - Operations
Mr. Edward F. Garnett	Vice President - Human Resources
Mr. Daryl D. Hill	Senior Vice President - Quality and Compliance
Dr. George Morstyn	Vice President, Clinical Development and Chief Medical Officer
Mr. Steven M. Odre	Vice President - Intellectual Property and Associate General Counsel
Dr. Lawrence M. Souza	Senior Vice President - Research
Mr. George A. Vandeman	Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Secretary
Mr. William K. Bowes, Jr.	Director
Mr. Frederick W. Gluck	Director
Mr. Franklin P. Johnson, Jr.	Director
Mr. Steven Lazarus	Director
Mr. Edward J. Ledder	Director
Dr. Gilbert S. Omenn	Director
Ms. Judith C. Pelham	Director

(b) Business address:

The business address of the above named individuals are as follows:

Binder, Sharer, Alton, Attiyeh,  
Benson, Fenton, Garnett, Hill,  
Morstyn, Odre, Souza and  
Vandeman

Amgen Inc.  
Amgen Center  
One Amgen Center Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Mr. Bowes

U.S. Venture Partners  
2180 Sand Hill Road, Suite 300  
Menlo Park, California 94025

Mr. Gluck

Bechtel Group Inc.  
50 Beale Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Mr. Johnson

Asset Management Partners  
2275 East Bayshore Road  
Suite 150  
Palo Alto, California 94303

Mr. Lazarus

ARCH Venture Partners, L.P.  
O'Hare Plaza  
8735 W. Higgins Road  
Suite 235  
Chicago, Illinois 60631

Mr. Ledder

Medicine Bow River Ranch  
P. O. Box 410  
Medicine Bow, Wyoming 82329

Dr. Omenn

University of Michigan  
Health System  
1301 Catherine Drive  
Room M7324  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

Ms. Pelham

Mercy Health Services  
34605 Twelve Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331

(c) Principal Employment, Name of Employer, Principal Business:

Binder, Sharer, Alton, Attiyeh, Benson, Fenton, Garnett, Hill, Morstyn, Odre, Souza and Vandeman are employed by Amgen in the capacities named above.

Mr. Bowes is a general partner of U.S. Venture Partners, a venture capital investment entity, whose address is given above.

Mr. Gluck is retired Vice Chairman of Bechtel Group, Inc. whose address is given above.

Mr. Johnson is a general partner of Asset Management Partners, a venture capital limited partnership, whose address is given above.

Mr. Lazarus is the managing general partner of ARCH Venture Partners, L.P., an early stage venture capital partnership, whose address is given above.

Mr. Ledder is retired. He is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Abbott Laboratories, Inc., a human health care products company.

Dr. Omenn is the Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs for the University of Michigan Health System, whose address is given above.

Ms. Pelham is President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Health Services, a unified system of institutions, programs and services, whose address is given above.

(d) & (e) During the last five years, neither Amgen, nor, to the best of its knowledge, any of its executive officers or directors (i) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors); or (ii) has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceedings was or is 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.

(f) All of the persons enumerated above are citizens of the United States of America.

Item 4.

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Item 5.

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- (a) As a result of the disposition of 1,071,894 shares of common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer pursuant to the open market sale of such shares on April 15, 1998, Amgen does not beneficially own any shares of common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer.
- (b) Amgen does not have the sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer.
- (c) Other than the transaction described in this Amendment No. 1, there were no transactions in the common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer that were effected during the past sixty days.
- (d) To the best knowledge of Amgen, no person other than Amgen has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer that occurred on April 15, 1998.
- (e) Amgen ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the common stock (\$.01 par value) of the Issuer on April 15, 1998.

SIGNATURE PAGE

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.

Date: April 24, 1998

AMGEN INC.

By: /S/ GEORGE A. VANDEMAN

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George A. Vandeman  
Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary