

GYRODYNE CO OF AMERICA INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment No. 1

Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

403820103

(CUSIP Number)

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August 25, 2004

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 403820103

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Kellogg Capital Group, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☒ x

(b) ☐ ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

N/A

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 61,772

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 0

WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

61,772

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

61,772

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

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

5.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Charles K. Kellogg

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Lee Kellogg

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Everest Special Situations Fund L.P.

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N/A

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Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 29,624

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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29,624

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2.6%

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Maoz Everest Fund Management Ltd.

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N/A

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Israel

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Elchanan Maoz

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Introduction: As further described in this Amendment No. 1 to this Schedule 13D, Everest Special Situations Fund L.P. and Kellogg Capital Group, LLC in the aggregate beneficially own approximately 8% of the Common Stock of Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc. (the "Issuer"). Everest Special Situations Fund L.P. and Kellogg Capital Group, LLC are filing this amendment to disclose the delivery of a letter to the Board of Directors of the Company dated August 25, 2004 that expressed shareholder concern regarding the Board of Directors' and management's unwillingness to engage in meaningful discussions with its shareholders regarding the Issuer's strategy. A copy of the August 25, 2004 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Amendment reflects changes to the Schedule 13D filed July 8, 2004.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO THE

SCHEDULE 13D

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of Issuer

Everest and Kellogg, LLC, collectively, beneficially own approximately 8.0% of the Common Stock of the Issuer. In a letter to the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated August 25, 2004 and attached hereto as Exhibit A, Everest and Kellogg expressed shareholder concern regarding the Board of Directors' and management's unwillingness to engage in meaningful discussions with its shareholders regarding the Issuer's strategy.

Item 7. Material to be filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A Letter to the Board of Directors of Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc. dated August 25, 2004 from Everest Special Situations Fund L.P. and Kellogg Capital Group, LLC.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 25, 2004

EVEREST SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND L.P.

By: Maoz Everest

Fund Management Ltd.,

its general partner

By: /s/ ELCHANAN MAOZ
Name: **Elchanan Maoz**
Title: **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

MAOZ EVEREST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD.

By: /s/ ELCHANAN MAOZ
Name: **Elchanan Maoz**
Title: **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

/s/ ELCHANAN MAOZ
Elchanan Maoz

KELLOGG CAPITAL GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ MATTHEW BRAND
Name: **Matthew Brand**
Title: **Managing Director**

KELLOGG GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ MATTHEW BRAND
Name: **Matthew Brand**
Title: **Managing Director**

/s/ CHARLES K. KELLOGG
Charles K. Kellogg

/s/ LEE KELLOGG
Lee Kellogg

Exhibit A

August 25, 2004

Paul L. Lamb, Chairman of the Board

Stephen V. Maroney, Chief Executive Officer

Richard B. Smith

Ronald J. Macklin

Philip F. Palmedo

Robert F. Beyer

Gyrodyne Company of America, Inc.

102 Flowerfield Street, Suite 28

Saint James, NY 11780

Dear Sirs:

As you may be aware, significant shareholders in Gyrodyne (the Company) are extremely unhappy with the continuous and systematic approach of ignoring shareholders' rights while mispending Company money and assets for the personal benefit of members of the Board and the Company's officers.

Shareholders who have put their trust in the Board to do the best it can for the Company are left angry and frustrated due to the disrespect for other people's money - of which the Board, the management and the legal counsel are in charge.

It started with the excessively generous stock option plan for Board members and officers. This program poses to dilute shareholders by over 20% which is egregious by any measure but particularly for this Company which is not really a going concern but just holds some assets whose appreciation seems to be little affected by steps taken by management.

It continues with a development plan that exposes the shareholders to considerable risk due to the time period and massive investment required while no real management expertise exists at the Company for such plans.

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Obviously, the ones to benefit from the long time horizon for such plans are the current Board members and officers who can keep their jobs for many years to come.

The Company's legal counsel can also enjoy the benefits of such grand plans that require many contracts and drafts. Shouldn't shareholders voice their opinions about the big conflict of interest that exists here when the Chairman of the Board is a partner in the law firm that serves as legal counsel to the Company?

As we all know by now, no real results have been achieved on any front.

The by-laws have been arranged so that shareholders of almost any size and capacity will not be able to be represented in the Board and interfere with the plans of the current Board (made up

of people who own virtually no stake in the Company other than options). I have never seen a Board that successfully fights the true owners of the Company over time. The interest of the shareholders must ultimately be served.

To date, all attempts to resolve the unpleasant situation for the shareholders through amicable means have failed. Our attempts to meet with either the Chairman and/or the CEO have failed. I personally prefer negotiations between us rather than an exchange of letters.

Confronted with the imperative to make important decisions that will significantly affect shareholder value, the Company appears uninterested in the views and concerns of its owners. We find it strange and troubling that the Company is unavailable to meet even with those shareholders who are willing to help fashion an appropriate resolution of the challenges posed by SUNY's announced intention to take a significant portion of the assets of the Company.

We are now extremely determined to allow shareholders to be involved in the management of their Company. We propose a meeting in the near future to explore shareholder input relevant to the future of our investment.

You should know that the members of the Board are exposed at this stage.

We are counting on the Board to do the right thing. Now it's up to the Board.

Sincerely,

Kellogg Capital Group, LLC

By: /s/ MATTHEW BRAND
Name: **Matthew Brand**
Title: **Managing Director**

Everest Special Situations Fund LP

By: Maoz Everest Fund Management Ltd.

By: /s/ ELCHANAN MAOZ
Name: **Elchanan Maoz**
Title: **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**