

ERESEARCHTECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. __)*

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13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)*

ERESEARCHTECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

29481V108

(CUSIP Number)

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July 31, 2007

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. **29481V108**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Shamrock Activist Value Fund, L.P. 35-2239069

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3 **SEC USE ONLY**

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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

Not Applicable

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES **0**

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

2,187,661 Common Shares*

OWNED BY 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH **0**

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **2,187,661 Common Shares***

PERSON

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,187,661 Common Shares*

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

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

4.32%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

* See Item 5 hereof

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. **29481V108**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Shamrock Activist Value Fund II, L.P. 55-0908199

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

- (a)
- (b)

3 **SEC USE ONLY**

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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

Not Applicable

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Virginia

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES **0**

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

406,714 Common Shares*

OWNED BY

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

406,714 Common Shares*

PERSON

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

406,714 Common Shares*

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

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

0.81%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

* See Item 5 hereof

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. **29481V108**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Shamrock Activist Value Fund III, L.P. 11-3768779

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

3 **SEC USE ONLY**

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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

Not Applicable

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES **0**

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

71,622 Common Shares*

OWNED BY 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH **0**

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **71,622 Common Shares***

PERSON

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

71,622 Common Shares*

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

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

0.14%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

* See Item 5 hereof

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. **29481V108**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C. 37-1497874

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

- (a)
- (b)

3 **SEC USE ONLY**

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES **0**

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

2,665,997 Common Shares*

OWNED BY 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH **0**

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **2,665,997 Common Shares***

PERSON

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,665,997 Common Shares*

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

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

5.27%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

* See Item 5 hereof

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. **29481V108**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C. 87-0733755

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

- (a)
- (b)

3 **SEC USE ONLY**

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES **2,665,997 Common Shares***

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH **2,665,997 Common Shares***

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **0**

PERSON

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,665,997 Common Shares*

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

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

5.27%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

OO

* See Item 5 hereof

INTRODUCTION

The securities to which this statement relates are Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share (Common Shares), of eResearchTechnology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company). The principal executive offices of the Company are located at 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

ITEM 2. Identity and Background.

(a)-(c), (f). The Reporting Persons are: (i) Shamrock Activist Value Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (SAVF), (ii) Shamrock Activist Value Fund II, L.P., a Virginia limited partnership (SAVF II), (iii) Shamrock Activist Value Fund III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (SAVF III), (iv) Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III (the General Partner) and (v) Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company and the managing member of the General Partner (Shamrock Partners). The principal business of SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III (SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III collectively, are referred to herein as Shamrock Activist Value Fund) is investing in the securities of publicly traded small and micro-cap companies in the United States. The principal business of the General Partner is acting as general partner of Shamrock Activist Value Fund, and the principal business of Shamrock Partners is acting as the managing member of the General Partner.

The managing members of Shamrock Partners are Shamrock Holdings of California, Inc., a California corporation (SHOC), and Stanley P. Gold, an individual who is President of SHOC. All of the capital stock of SHOC is owned by Shamrock Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (SHI). SHOC and SHI, together with their subsidiary entities, are holding companies engaged in the making, holding and disposing of investments in various industries, principally in the United States and Israel.

Roy E. Disney and his wife, Patricia A. Disney, own approximately 4.5% of the common stock of SHI. Roy Patrick Disney, Susan Disney Lord, Abigail Edna Disney and Timothy J. Disney own an aggregate of approximately 45.4% of the common stock of SHI. In addition, Stanley P. Gold is the sole trustee of four trusts established for the benefit of Roy Patrick Disney, Susan Disney Lord, Abigail Edna Disney and Timothy J. Disney, which hold an aggregate of approximately 50% of SHI common stock.

The principal executive offices of Shamrock Activist Value Fund, the General Partner, Shamrock Partners, SHOC and SHI are located at 4444 Lakeside Drive, Burbank, California 91505.

The business address of each of the persons listed below is 4444 Lakeside Drive, Burbank, California 91505. The names and principal occupations or employments of the directors, executive officers and controlling persons of Shamrock Activist Value Fund, the General Partner, Shamrock Partners, SHOC and SHI are as follows:

| Name | Principal Occupation Or Employment |
|--|---|
| Roy E. Disney | Chairman of the Board of Directors of SHI and SHOC. Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shamrock Capital Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation (SCA) (a closely-held corporation which provides management and consulting services, principally to SHOC and investment partnerships organized by SHOC, including businesses in which such partnerships invest). The principal executive office of SCA is 4444 Lakeside Drive, Burbank, CA 91505. |
| Patricia A. Disney | Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of SHI, SHOC and SCA. |
| Roy Patrick Disney | Director of SHI; investor. |
| Susan Disney Lord | Director of SHI; investor. |
| Abigail E. Disney | Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of SHI; investor. |
| Timothy J. Disney | Director of SHI; investor. |
| Stanley P. Gold | Director and President of SHI and SHOC. Director, President and Managing Director of SCA. Managing Member and President of Shamrock Partners. |
| Michael J. McConnell | Managing Director of SCA; Vice President of SHOC and Shamrock Partners. |
| Eugene I. Krieger | Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Operating Officer of SHI. Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of SCA. Vice President of SHOC. |
| Robert G. Moskowitz | Executive Vice President of SHI and SHOC; Managing Director of SCA. |
| Gregory S. Martin | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of SHOC, SHI, SCA and Shamrock Partners. |
| All of the persons listed above are citizens and residents of the United States. | |

(d)-(e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons or, to the Reporting Persons best knowledge, any of their directors, executive officers or controlling persons, as the

case may be, has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person 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.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The total amount of funds used by SAVF to purchase the 2,187,661 Common Shares reported herein was \$20,393,866 (excluding brokerage commissions). All of such funds were derived from capital contributions to SAVF.

The total amount of funds used by SAVF II to purchase the 406,714 Common Shares reported herein was \$3,795,121 (excluding brokerage commissions). All of such funds were derived from capital contributions to SAVF II.

The total amount of funds used by SAVF III to purchase the 71,622 Common Shares reported herein was \$668,323 (excluding brokerage commissions). All of such funds were derived from capital contributions to SAVF III.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Shamrock Activist Value Fund acquired the 2,665,997 shares owned by it based on the Reporting Persons' belief that the Common Shares represent an attractive investment opportunity.

The Reporting Persons may determine from time to time in the future, based on market and general economic conditions, the business affairs and financial conditions of the Company, the availability of securities at favorable prices and alternative investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and other factors that the Reporting Persons may deem relevant, to acquire additional securities of the Company in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, or to sell some or all of the securities it now holds or hereafter acquires as set forth above or otherwise.

Except as stated in response to this Item 4, the Reporting Persons shall have no current plans or proposals with respect to the Company or its securities of the types enumerated in paragraphs (a) through (j) of this Item 4 to the form Schedule 13D promulgated under the Act.

ITEM 5. Interests in Securities of the Issuer.

(a), (b) SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III are controlled by the General Partner. As a result, each of SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III may be deemed members of a group and may be deemed to beneficially own for purposes of Section 13(d) the shares beneficially owned for such purposes by the others.

SAVF is the owner of 2,187,661 Common Shares, which represents approximately 4.32% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. SAVF II is the owner of 406,714 Common Shares, which represents approximately 0.81% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. SAVF III is the owner of 71,622 Common Shares, which represents approximately 0.14% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

As the general partner of Shamrock Activist Value Fund, the General Partner may be deemed to beneficially own the 2,665,997 Common Shares owned by Shamrock Activist Value Fund, constituting approximately 5.27% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. As the managing member of the General Partner, Shamrock Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the 2,665,997 Common Shares owned by Shamrock Activist Value Fund, constituting approximately 5.27% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. Shamrock Partners has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the 2,665,997 Common Shares owned by Shamrock Activist Value Fund by virtue of its authority to vote and dispose of such Common Shares. Finally, each of the controlling persons of Shamrock Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the 2,665,997 Common Shares owned by Shamrock Activist Value Fund, pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act. Those controlling persons are identified in response to Item 2.

The percentage of ownership figures set forth in this response to Items 5(a) and 5(b) assumes that 50,593,151 Common Shares were outstanding as of July 27, 2007, based on the information contained in the Company's Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on August 6, 2007.

(c) During the last 60 days, SAVF, SAVF II and SAVF III acquired Common Shares on such dates, in such amounts and at such per share prices (excluding brokerage fees) as indicated on the Schedule of Transactions attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference. All such transactions were effected in the open market on the Nasdaq National Market.

Except as set forth above, none of the Reporting Persons nor, to the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, any person identified in response to Item 2, beneficially owns any Common Shares or has effected any transactions in Common Shares during the preceding 60 days.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

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

The Reporting Persons have no knowledge of any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in response to Item 2 or between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the Company.

ITEM 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

| Exhibit | Document |
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| Exhibit 1 | Schedule of Transactions |
| Exhibit 2 | Joint Filing Agreement, dated August 9, 2007, among Shamrock Activist Value Fund, L.P., Shamrock Activist Value Fund II, L.P., Shamrock Activist Value Fund III, L.P., Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C. and Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C. |

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: August 9, 2007

SHAMROCK ACTIVIST VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C., its
general partner

By: Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C.,
its managing member

By: /s/ Michael J. McConnell
Name: Michael J. McConnell
Title: Vice President

SHAMROCK ACTIVIST VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C., its
general partner

By: Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C.,
its managing member

By: /s/ Michael J. McConnell
Name: Michael J. McConnell
Title: Vice President

SHAMROCK ACTIVIST VALUE FUND III, L.P.

By: Shamrock Activist Value Fund GP, L.L.C., its
general partner

By: Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C.,
its managing member

By: /s/ Michael J. McConnell
Name: Michael J. McConnell
Title: Vice President

SHAMROCK ACTIVIST VALUE FUND GP, L.L.C.

By: Shamrock Partners Activist Value Fund, L.L.C.,
its managing member

By: /s/ Michael J. McConnell
Name: Michael J. McConnell
Title: Vice President

SHAMROCK PARTNERS ACTIVIST VALUE FUND,
L.L.C.

By: /s/ Michael J. McConnell
Name: Michael J. McConnell
Title: Vice President

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