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April 09, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Amendment No. 17)  
Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Equus II Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

294766100  
(CUSIP Number)

George W. Karpus, President  
Karpus Management, Inc. d/b/a  
Karpus Investment Management  
183 Sullys Trail  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
(585) 586-4680

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

April 9, 2003  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the 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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There are no exhibits.

ITEM 1 Security and Issuer  
Common Stock  
Equus II Inc.  
Equus Capital Management Corp  
The America Tower  
2929 Allen Parkway  
Suite 2500

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Houston, Texas 77019-2120

### ITEM 2 Identity and Background

a) Karpus Management, Inc. d/b/a Karpus Investment Management (?KIM?)

George W. Karpus, President, Director and Controlling Stockholder

JoAnn VanDegriff, Vice President and Director

Sophie Karpus, Director

b) 183 Sullys Trail

Pittsford, New York 14534

c) Principal business and occupation - Investment Management for individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, corporations, endowments, trust and others, specializing in conservative asset management (i.e. fixed income investments).

d) None of George W. Karpus, JoAnn VanDegriff, or Sophie Karpus (?the Principals?) or KIM has been convicted in the past five years of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations).

e) During the last five years none of the principals or KIM has been a party to a civil proceeding as a result of which any of them 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) Each of the Principals is a United States citizen.

KIM is a New York corporation.

### ITEM 3 Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations

KIM, an independent investment advisor, has accumulated shares of EQS on behalf of accounts that are managed by KIM (?the Accounts?) under limited powers of attorney. All funds that have been utilized in making such purchases are from such Accounts.

### ITEM 4 Purpose of Transaction

KIM has purchased Shares for investment purposes. Being primarily a fixed income manager, with a specialty focus in the closed end fund sector, the profile of EQS fit the investment guidelines for various Accounts. Shares have been acquired since January 13, 2000.

### ITEM 5 Interest in Securities of the Issuer

A) As of the date of this Report, KIM owns 579,303 shares, which represents 9.29% of the outstanding Shares. George W. Karpus currently owns 8,000 shares purchased on September 5, 2002 at \$6.54. Purchased on December 18, 2002 at \$ 6.52 (100 shares), December 19 at \$ 6.54 (1000 shares) and \$ 6.53 (5000 shares) and \$ 6.52 ( 900 shares) and December 20 at \$ 6.52 (2000 shares), on March 27, 2003 at \$6.85 (100 shares) and (50 shares) at \$ 6.84. He sold on January 8, 2003 at \$ 6.75 (100 shares), and January 10, 2003 at \$6.78 (1900 shares). Karpus Investment Management Profit Sharing Plan presently owns 3425 shares purchased on January 13, 2000 at \$10.19 (600 shares), September 13, 14, 22, 26, 27, & 29 at \$10.63 (1100 shares), October 6 at \$10.56 (100 shares), 10 at \$10.50 (50 shares), & 23 at \$9.88 (50 shares), November 6 at \$10 (100 shares), December 8 at \$8.81 (500 shares), April 17, 2001 at \$8.85 (200 shares), May 1 at \$9.11 (50 shares), 2, 4, & 17 at \$9.23 (200 shares), 10 at \$9.05 (100 shares), June 21 at \$9.25 (25 shares), and September 24 at \$8.35 (250 shares), on March 27, 2003 at \$6.85 (50 shares) and (50 shares) at \$6.84. Dana R. Consler currently owns 1150 shares purchased on December 21, 2000 at \$8.69 (350 shares), May 17, 2001 at \$9.23 (50 shares), August 13 at \$9.22 (150 shares), August 14 at \$9.21 (100 shares), on November 29, 65 shares were received as a stock dividend payment, March 1, 2002 at \$7.80 (25 shares), March 6 at \$7.72 (25 shares), March 22 at \$7.66 (25 shares), and April 16 at \$7.78 (25 shares), February 3, 2003 at \$6.88 (225 shares), and February 11, 2003 at

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\$6.54 (110 shares) . None of the other Principals of KIM presently owns shares of EQS.

b) KIM has the sole power to dispose of and to vote all of such Shares under limited powers of attorney.

c) Open market purchases for the last 60 days for the Accounts. There have been no dispositions and no acquisitions, other than by such open market purchases,

DATE

SHARES

PRICE PER

DATE

SHARES

PRICE PER

SHARE

SHARE

2/3/2003

975

6.86

3/6/2003

200

6.77

2/4/2003

1000

6.80

3/7/2003

-500

6.77

2/5/2003

1660

6.77

3/7/2003

1600

6.75

2/6/2003

200

6.71

3/10/2003

300

6.75

2/7/2003

450

6.70

3/10/2003

-3150

6.75

2/10/2003

1000

6.61

3/11/2003

200

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6.75  
2/11/2003  
1060  
6.54

3/17/2003  
350  
6.76  
2/13/2003  
175  
6.59

3/18/2003  
500  
6.77  
2/13/2003  
-275  
6.60

3/19/2003  
440  
6.77  
2/19/2003  
200  
6.71

3/21/2003  
550  
6.78  
2/24/2003  
300  
6.76

3/26/2003  
1000  
6.81  
2/25/2003  
1000  
6.73

3/27/2003  
5300  
6.85  
2/28/2003  
250  
6.72

3/31/2003  
150  
6.87

The Accounts have the right to receive all dividends from, any proceeds from the sale of the Shares. KIM reserves the right to further accumulate or sell shares. None of the Accounts has an interest in shares constituting more than 5% of the Shares outstanding.

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

Except as described above, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships of any kind among the Principals and KIM and between any of them and any other person with respect to any of EQS Securities.

ITEM 7 Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

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Not applicable.

Signature

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.

Karpus Management, Inc.

April 9, 2003  
Date

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

George W. Karpus, President

Name/Title