KARPUS MANAGEMENT INC

Form SC 13D/A

December 10, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D/A
(Amendment No. 26)
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)
December 09, 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.
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ITEM 1 Security and Issuer

Common Stock

Equus II Inc.

Equus Capital Management Corp

The America Tower

2929 Allen Parkway

Suite 2500

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 quidelines 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 683,093 shares, which represents 10.96 % of the outstanding Shares. George W. Karpus currently owns 8,300 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 and April 28, 2003 (50 shares) at \$ 7.08. He sold on January 8, 2003 at \$ 6.75 (100 shares), and January 10, 2003 at \$6.78 (1900 shares), on May 1 & 2 2003 at \$ 7.21 (100 shares), May 8 & 9 2003 at \$7.36 (100 shares), and May 20, 2003 at \$7.37 (50 shares). Karpus Investment Management Profit Sharing Plan presently owns 4,918 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 and April 28, 2003 at \$7.08 (50 shares), on May 8 & 9 2003 at \$7.36 (100 shares), May 20, 2003 at \$7.37 (50

shares), July 8, 2003 at \$8.24 (1043 shares), and September 11 at \$8.57 (250 shares). Dana R. Consler currently owns 1250 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), February 11, 2003 at \$6.54 (110 shares), September 8 at \$8.80 (50 shares), and September 10 at \$8.65 (50 shares). Jo Ann Van Degriff presently owns 900 shares purchased on July 8, 2003 at \$8.24 per share (750 shares), September 8 & 9 at \$8.75 (100 shares), and September 8 at \$8.80 (50 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 $60\ \text{days}$ 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

10/3/2003

2040

8.59

11/3/2003

1920

8.36

10/3/2003

-1355

8.58

11/3/2003

-2850

8.37

10/6/2003

1175

8.52

11/7/2003

-500

8.54

10/7/2003

1155

8.51

11/10/2003

-2000

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10/27/2003

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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 $\label{eq:notation} \text{Not applicable.}$

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.

December 09, 2003 By:_____

Date

Signature
Dana R. Consler, Vice President

Name/Title