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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 | N | |
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| Amendment No. 1 to FORM 8-A | | |
| FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SI PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OI SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 | | |
| Apex Mortgage Capital, Inc. | | |
| (Exact name of registrant as specified in i | ts charter) | |
| Maryland | 95-4650863 | |
| (State of Incorporation or Organization) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) | |
| 865 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California | 90017 | |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) | |
| If this form relates to the registration of a class to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effection Instruction A.(c), please check the following box. | ve pursuant to General | |
| If this form relates to the registration of a class to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective Instruction A.(d), please check the following box. | ve pursuant to General | |
| Securities Act registration statement file number to which | ch this form relates: | Not |
| Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of | the Act: | (if |
| Title of Each Class to be so Registered | Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered | |
| Preferred Stock Purchase Rights | American Stock Exchange | |

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

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(Title of Class)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment is filed to update the disclosure made on Form 8-A fled with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on July 27, 1999 to reflect the terms of a recent amendment to the Shareholder Rights Agreement, dated as of July 19, 1999, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Rights Agent which agreement defines the terms of the class of securities registered thereby and hereby.

Item 1. Description of the Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

A description of the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights of Apex Mortgage Capital, Inc. (the "Company") is contained in (i) a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 30, 1999 and filed with the SEC on July 27, 1999, and (ii) a subsequent Current Report on Form 8-K, dated July 12, 2003 and filed with the SEC on July 15, 2003, and such descriptions are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 1 | Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of July 19, 1999, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Rights Agent (including as Exhibit A the form of Articles Supplementary relating to the underlying Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock; as Exhibit B the form of Rights Certificate; and as Exhibit C the Summary of Rights) (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 30, 1999 and filed July 27, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 2 | First Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of July 15, 2003, by and between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Rights Agent (including as Exhibit A the form of Articles Supplementary relating to the underlying Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock; as Exhibit B the form of Rights Certificate; and as Exhibit C the Summary of Rights) (previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated July 12, 2003 and filed on July 15, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference). |

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

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APEX MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. (Registrant)

Date: July 15, 2003 By: /s/ Philip A. Barach

Philip A. Barach

President and Chief Executive Officer

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