

SUPPORTSOFT INC
Form SC 13G
February 13, 2003

UNITED STATES
 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549
 SCHEDULE 13G
 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
 (Amendment No. _____)

SupportSoft, Inc.

(Name of Issuer) _____

Common Stock, \$.0001 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities) _____

868587106

(CUSIP Number) _____

with a copy to:

Austin W. Marx Allen B. Levithan, Esq.
 153 East 53rd Street Lowenstein Sandler PC
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
 Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 31, 2002
 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this
 Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's
 initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities,
 and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter
 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be
 deemed
 to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of
 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the
 Act

but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the
 Notes).

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 1.Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons
 (entities only):

Austin W. Marx and David M. Greenhouse

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):
- (a) Not Applicable
- (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds (See Instructions): 00
5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e):
- Not Applicable
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization: United States
- Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With
- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 7. Sole Voting Power: | 0 |
| 8. Shared Voting Power: | 1,907,200* |
| 9. Sole Dispositive Power: | 0 |
| 10. Shared Dispositive Power: | 1,907,200*__ |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 1,907,200*
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions): Not Applicable
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 5.7%*
14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions): IA, IN

* This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe ("Marxe") and David M. Greenhouse ("Greenhouse"). Marxe and Greenhouse share sole voting and investment power over 416,700 shares of Common Stock owned by Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P., 1,275,900 shares of Common Stock owned by Special Situations Fund III, L.P. and 214,600 shares of Common Stock owned by Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P. See Items 2 and 4 of this Schedule for additional information.

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- Item 1. Security and Issuer:
- (a) SupportSoft, Inc.
- (b) 575 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

The persons filing this report are Austin W. Marxe ("Marxe") and David M. Greenhouse ("Greenhouse"), who are the controlling principals of AWM Investment Company, Inc. ("AWM"), the general partner of and investment adviser to Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. ("Cayman"). AWM also serves as the general partner of MGP Advisers Limited Partnership ("MGP"), the general partner of and investment adviser to Special Situations Fund III, L.P. ("SSF3"). Marxe and Greenhouse are also members of SST Advisers L.L.C. ("SST"), the general partner of and investment adviser to Special Situations Technology Fund, L.P. ("Technology"). (SSF3, Cayman and SSPE will hereafter be referred to as, the "Funds"). The principal business of each Fund is to invest in equity and equity-related securities and other securities of any kind or nature.

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(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

The principal business address for Marx and Greenhouse is 153 East 53rd Street, 55th floor, New York, NY 10022.

(c) Citizenship:

Austin W. Marx and David M. Greenhouse are United States citizens.

(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, \$.0001 Par Value

(e) CUSIP Number: 868587106

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), check whether

the person filing is a: Not Applicable

- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under section 15 of the Act;
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act;
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act;
- (d) Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) An Investment Adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b) (I) (ii) (E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b) (I) (ii) (F);

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(g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-

1(b) (1) (ii) (G);

(h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance

Act;

(i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c) (14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;

(j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (J).

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: Messrs. Marx and Greenhouse beneficially own a total of 1,907,200 shares of Common Stock. This amount includes 416,700 shares of Common Stock owned by Cayman, 214,600 shares of Common Stock owned by Technology, and 1,275,900 shares of Common Stock owned by SSF3.

(b) Percent of Class: Messrs. Marx and Greenhouse beneficially own 5.7% of the shares outstanding. Cayman owns 1.2% of the outstanding shares, Technology owns .6% of the outstanding shares, and SSF3 owns 3.8% of the outstanding shares.

(c) Number of Shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,907,200

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

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1,907,200

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following ___.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company: Not Applicable.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not applicable

Item 9. Notices of Dissolution of Group: Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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.

Dated: February 11, 2003

/s/ Austin W. Marxe

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AUSTIN W. MARXE

/s/David M Greenhouse
DAVID M. GREENHOUSE

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Austin W. Marxe and David M. Greenhouse hereby agree that the Schedule 13G to which this agreement is attached is filed on behalf of each of them.

/s/_Austin W. Marxe
Austin W. Marxe

/s/_David M. Greenhouse
David M. Greenhouse

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