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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM D

NOTICE OF SALE OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO REGULATION D, SECTION 4(6), AND/OR UNIFORM LIMITED OFFERING EXEMPTION



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Name of Offering ([] check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

Avenue Special Situations Fund III, L.P.

Filing Under (Check box(es) that apply): [] Rule 504 [] Rule 505 [X] Rule 506 [] Section 4(6) [] ULOE Type of Filing: [] New Filing [X] Amendment

A. BASIC IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Enter the information requested about the issuer

Name of Issuer ([] check if this is an amendment and name has changed, and indicate change.)

Avenue Special Situations Fund III, L.P.

Address of Executive Offices (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code) 535 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022

Telephone Number (Including Area Code) 212-878-3554

Address of Principal Business Operations (Number and Street, City, State, Zip Code) (if different from Executive Offices)

Telephone Number (Including Area Code)

Brief Description of Business

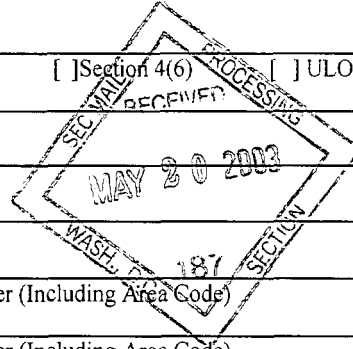
Avenue Special Situations Fund III, L.P. is an institutional fund which will principally make passive investments in distressed or undervalued companies.

Type of Business Organization

[] corporation [X] limited partnership, already formed [] other (please specify): [] business trust [] limited partnership, to be formed

Actual or Estimated Date of Incorporation or Organization: Month 6 Year 02 [X] Actual

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization: (Enter two-letter U.S. Postal Service abbreviation for State: DE CN for Canada; FN for foreign jurisdiction)



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Federal:

Who Must File: All issuers making an offering of securities in reliance on an exemption under Regulation D or Section 4(6), 17 CFR 230.501 et seq. 15 U.S.C 77d(6).

When To File: A notice must be filed no later than 15 days after the first sale of securities in the offering. A notice is deemed filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the earlier of the date it is received by the SEC at the address given below or, if received at that address after the date on which it is due, on the date it was mailed by United States registered or certified mail to that address.

Where to File: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Copies Required: Five (5) copies of this notice must be filed with the SEC, one of which must be manually signed. Any copies not manually signed must be photocopies of the manually signed copy or bear typed or printed signatures.

Information Required: A new filing must contain all information requested. Amendments need only report the name of the issuer and offering, any changes thereto, the information requested in Part C, and any material changes from the information previously supplied in Parts A and B. Part E and the Appendix need not be filed with the SEC.

Filing Fee: There is no federal filing fee.

State:

This notice shall be used to indicate reliance on the Uniform Limited Offering Exemption (ULOE) for sales of securities in those states that have adopted ULOE and that have adopted this form. Issuers relying on ULOE must file a separate notice with the Securities Administrator in each state where sales are to be, or have been made. If a state requires the payment of a fee as a precondition to the claim for the exemption, a fee in the proper amount shall accompany this form. This notice shall be filed in the appropriate states in accordance with state law. The Appendix to the notice constitutes a part of this notice and must be completed.

ATTENTION

Failure to file notice in the appropriate states will not result in a loss of the federal exemption. Conversely, failure to file the appropriate federal notice will not result in a loss of an available state exemption unless such exemption is predicated on the filing of a federal notice.

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C. OFFERING PRICE, NUMBER OF INVESTORS, EXPENSES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

1. Enter the aggregate offering price of securities included in this offering and the total amount already sold. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero." If the transaction is an exchange offering, check this box and indicate in the columns below the amounts of the securities offered for exchange and already exchanged.

Type of Security	Aggregate Offering Price	Amount Already Sold
Debt -	\$ _____	\$ _____
Equity	\$ _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Common <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred		
Convertible Securities (including warrants)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Partnership Interests	\$ 750,000,000	\$ 442,702,605
Other (specify)	\$ _____	\$ _____
 Total	 \$ 750,000,000	 \$ 442,702,605

Answer also in Appendix, Column 3, if filing Under ULOE

2. Enter the number of accredited and non-accredited investors who have purchased securities in this offering and the aggregate dollar amounts of their purchases. For offerings under Rule 504, indicate the number of persons who have purchased securities and the aggregate dollar amount of their purchases on the total lines. Enter "0" if answer is "none" or "zero."

	Number Investors	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Purchases
Accredited Investors	29	\$ 442,702,605
Non-accredited Investors	_____	\$ _____
 Total (for filings Under Rule 504 Only)	 _____	 \$ _____

Answer also in Appendix, Column 4 if filing under ULOE

3. If this filing is for an offering Under Rule 504 or 505, enter the information requested for all securities sold by the issuer, to date, in offerings of the types indicated, in the twelve (12) months prior to the first sale of securities in this offering. Classify securities by type listed in Part C - Question 1.

Type of offering	Type of Security	Dollar Amount Sold
Rule 505	_____	\$ _____
Regulation A	_____	\$ _____
Rule 504	_____	\$ _____
 Total	 _____	 \$ _____

4. a. Furnish a statement of all expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities in this offering. Exclude amounts relating solely to organization expenses of the issuer. The information may be given as subject to future contingencies. If the amount of an expenditure is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate.

Transfer Agent's Fees	[]	\$ _____
Printing and Engraving Costs	[]	\$ _____
Legal Fees	[X]	\$ 500,000
Accounting Fees	[X]	\$ 82,000
Engineering Fees	[]	\$ _____
Sales Commissions (Specify finder's fees separately)	[]	\$ _____
Other Expenses (identify): travel and entertainment	[X]	\$ 250,000
Total	[X]	\$ 832,000

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b. Enter the difference between the aggregate offering price given in response to Part C – Question 1 and total expenses furnished in response to Part C – Question 4.a. This difference is the “adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer.”

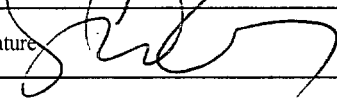
\$ 749,168,000

5. Indicate below the amount of the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer used or proposed to be used for each of the purposes shown. If the amount for any purpose is not known, furnish an estimate and check the box to the left of the estimate. The total of the payments listed must equal the adjusted gross proceeds to the issuer set forth in response to Part C – Question 4.b above.

		Payments to Officers, Directors, & Affiliates	Payments To Others
Salaries and fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Purchase of real estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Purchase, rental or leasing and installment of machinery and equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Construction or leasing of plant buildings and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Acquisition of other businesses (including the value of securities involved in this offering that may be used in exchange for the assets of securities of another issuer pursuant to a merger)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Repayment of indebtedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Working capital	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ []	\$ _____
Other: Investments	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ [X]	\$ <u>749,168,000</u>
Column totals	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ [X]	\$ <u>749,168,000</u>
Total payments listed (column totals added)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ <u>749,168,000</u>	

D. FEDERAL SIGNATURE

The issuer has duly caused this notice to be signed by the undersigned duly authorized person. If this notice is filed under Rule 505, the following signature constitutes an undertaking by the issuer to furnish to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request of its staff, the information furnished by the issuer to any non-accredited investor pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 502.

Issuer (Print or Type) Avenue Special Situations Fund III, L.P.	Signature 	Date May 15 2003
Name of Signer (Print or Type) Avenue Capital Partners III, LLC, General Partner By: GL Partners III, LLC, Managing Member By: Sonia E. Gardner	Title of Signer (Print or Type) Member of General Partner's Managing Member	

Attention

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