

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 8, 2018

Cohu, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-04298

95-1934119

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

12367 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, California

92064

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 858-848-8100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2018, Cohu, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release regarding its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018. The Company’s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

In addition to financial results determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), this press release refers to financial information determined by methods other than in accordance with GAAP, including non-GAAP gross margin, Income and Income (earnings) per share. These non-GAAP financial measures adjust the Company’s actual results prepared under GAAP to exclude charges and the related income tax effect for share-based compensation, the amortization of acquired intangible assets, manufacturing transition costs, employee severance costs, acquisition related costs, fair value adjustment to contingent consideration, purchase accounting inventory step-up included in cost of sales, the reduction of an uncertain tax position liability and related indemnification receivable and U.S. Tax Reform. The use of non-GAAP measures are not meant as a substitute for GAAP, but are included solely for informational and comparative purposes. The Company’s management believes that this information can assist investors in evaluating the Company’s operational trends, financial performance, and cash generating capacity. Management believes these non-GAAP measures allow investors to evaluate the Company’s financial performance using some of the same measures as management. These disclosures should not be viewed as a substitute for (or superior to) operating results determined in accordance with GAAP, nor are they necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other companies.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in attached release, including statements regarding capturing new customers; progress and growth in contactor business; launch of Eclipse XTA, first half 2018 order momentum and visibility; first half 2018 year-over-year growth projections; Cohu’s second quarter 2018 sales forecast, guidance and effective tax rate; and all statements regarding the acquisition of Xcerra are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or forecasted. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risks associated with acquisitions; inventory, goodwill and other asset write-downs; our ability to convert new products into production on a timely basis and to support product development and meet customer delivery and acceptance requirements for new products; our reliance on third-party contract manufacturers and suppliers; failure to obtain customer acceptance resulting in the inability to recognize revenue and accounts receivable collection problems; revenue recognition impacts due to ASC 606; market demand and adoption of our new products; customer orders may be canceled or delayed; the concentration of our revenues from a limited number of customers; intense competition in the semiconductor equipment industry; our reliance on patents and intellectual property; compliance with U.S. export regulations; impacts from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; geopolitical issues; ERP system implementation issues; the seasonal, volatile and unpredictable nature of capital expenditures by semiconductor manufacturers; rapid technological change; and significant risks associated with the Xcerra transaction including but not limited to (i) the risk that the conditions to the closing of the proposed transaction are not satisfied, (ii) uncertainties as to the timing of the consummation of the proposed transaction and the ability of each of Cohu and Xcerra to consummate the proposed transaction, including as a result of the failure of Cohu to obtain or provide on a timely basis or at all the necessary financing, (iii) the ability of Cohu and Xcerra to integrate their businesses successfully and to achieve anticipated synergies, (iv) the possibility that other anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction will not be realized, (v) potential litigation relating to the proposed transaction that could be instituted against Cohu, Xcerra, or their respective directors, (vi) possible disruptions from the proposed transaction that could harm Cohu’s and/or Xcerra’s respective businesses, (vii) the ability of Cohu or Xcerra to retain, attract and hire key personnel, (viii) potential adverse reactions or changes to relationships with customers, employees, suppliers or other parties resulting from the announcement or completion of the proposed transaction, (ix) potential business uncertainty, including changes to existing business relationships, during the pendency of the proposed transaction that could affect Cohu’s or Xcerra’s financial performance, (x) certain restrictions during the pendency of the proposed

transaction that may impact Cohu's or Xcerra's ability to pursue certain business opportunities or strategic transactions, (xi) the adverse impact to Cohu's operating results from interest expense on the financing debt, rising interest rates, and any restrictions on operations related to such debt, and (xii) continued availability of capital and financing and rating agency actions. These and other risks and uncertainties are discussed more fully in Cohu's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the most recently filed Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, and in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 that has or will be filed by Cohu with the SEC containing a prospectus with respect to the Cohu common stock to be issued in the proposed Xcerra transaction and a joint proxy statement of Cohu and Xcerra in connection with the proposed transaction that is or will be contained therein. The forward-looking statements included in this release are not assurances, and speak only as of the date of this release, and Cohu does not undertake any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Participants in the Solicitation

Cohu, Xcerra, certain of their respective directors, executive officers, members of management and employees may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed “participants” in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction, and a description of their direct and indirect interests in the proposed transaction, which may differ from the interests of Xcerra stockholders or Cohu stockholders generally, is set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus filed with the SEC. Information regarding Xcerra’s directors and executive officers and their beneficial ownership of Xcerra common stock is also set forth in Xcerra’s proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on September 5, 2017, and in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2017, and is supplemented by other public filings made, and to be made, with the SEC by Xcerra. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov or by visiting the Xcerra Investor Relations page on its corporate website at <https://Xcerra.com/investors>. Information concerning Cohu’s directors and executive officers and their beneficial ownership of Cohu’s common stock is set forth in Cohu’s annual proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 3, 2018, and in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov or by visiting the Cohu Investor Relations page on its corporate website at <https://Cohu.gcs-web.com>. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus regarding the proposed transaction and other relevant materials that have been or will be filed with the SEC when they become available. You may obtain copies of the documents described in the preceding sentence when they become available free of charge by visiting the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

Additional Information and Where You Can Find It

Cohu will file with the SEC the Registration Statement containing the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents concerning the proposed transaction. The definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be delivered to the stockholders of Xcerra and Cohu after the Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement, the definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus or any other documents that Xcerra or Cohu may file or may have filed with the SEC, or will send or have sent to stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of these documents (when they become available) and other documents filed by Xcerra and Cohu with the SEC at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. The Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by Xcerra or Cohu may also be obtained free of charge by visiting the Xcerra Investor Relations page on its corporate website at <https://Xcerra.com/investors> or by contacting Xcerra Investor Relations by telephone at (781) 467-5063 or by mail at Xcerra Investor Relations, Xcerra Corporation, 825 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062, attention Rich Yerganian or by visiting the Cohu Investor Relations page on its corporate website at <https://Cohu.gcs-web.com> or by contacting Cohu Investor Relations by telephone at (858) 848-8106 or by mail at Cohu Corporate Headquarters, 12367 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, CA 92064, attention Jeffrey D. Jones.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The Exhibit listed below is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. - 99.1

Description – First Quarter 2018 Earnings Release, dated May 8, 2018, of Cohu, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Cohu, Inc.

May 8, 2018 By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Jones

Name: Jeffrey D. Jones

Title: VP Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

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99.1 First Quarter 2018 Earnings Release, dated May 8, 2018, of Cohu, Inc.