

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): July 26, 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)
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- ☐ 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 8.01 Other Events.

On July 27, 2018, Cohu, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Cohu”) and Xcerra Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation (“Xcerra”) issued a joint press release announcing that on July 26, 2018, the Federal Trade Commission granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the “HSR Act”), with respect to the previously announced acquisition of Xcerra by Cohu, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), dated as of May 7, 2018, by and among Cohu, Xcerra and Xavier Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohu (“Merger Sub”), pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into Xcerra, with Xcerra surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohu (the “Merger”). The termination of the HSR waiting period satisfied one of the conditions to the closing of the Merger as specified in the Merger Agreement.

In addition, Cohu also announced that its special stockholder meeting to consider and vote to approve the issuance of shares specified in the Merger Agreement will be held at 8:30 a.m. Pacific time on the same date at Cohu’s corporate offices located at 12367 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, California 92064 and Xcerra announced that its special stockholder meeting to consider and vote to approve the Merger will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time at Xcerra’s corporate offices located at 825 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062.

Consummation of the Merger remains subject to various closing conditions, including but not limited to the approval of the share issuance and the Merger by the Cohu stockholders and the Xcerra stockholders, respectively. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference in this Item 8.01.

No Offer or Solicitation

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this filing may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding the proposed transaction involving Cohu and Xcerra and the ability to consummate the proposed transaction. Forward-looking statements generally include statements that are predictive in nature and depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, and include words such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “likely,” “believe,” “estimate,” “project,” “intend,” and other similar expressions among others. Statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors, including, without limitation: (i) the risk that the conditions to the closing of the proposed transaction are not satisfied, including the failure to timely or at all obtain stockholder approval for the proposed transaction or the failure to timely or at all obtain any required regulatory clearances; (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, including without limitation, anticipated revenues, expenses, earnings and other financial results, and growth and expansion of the combined company’s operations, and the anticipated tax treatment of the combination; (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; (xii) continued availability of capital and financing and rating agency actions; (xiii) legislative, regulatory and economic developments; (xiv) unpredictability and severity of catastrophic events, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism or outbreak of war or hostilities, as well as management’s response to any of the aforementioned factors; and (xv) such other factors as are set forth in (A) Cohu’s periodic public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including but not limited to those described under the heading “Risk Factors” in Cohu’s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, (B) Xcerra’s periodic public filings with the SEC, including but not limited to those described under the heading “Risk Factors” in Xcerra’s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, (C) in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the “Registration Statement”) that has been filed by Cohu with the SEC containing a prospectus with respect to the Cohu common stock to be issued in the proposed transaction and a joint proxy statement of Cohu and Xcerra in connection with the proposed transaction (the “Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus”) that is or will be contained therein, and (D) the other filings made by Cohu or Xcerra with the SEC from time to time, which are available via the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Neither Cohu nor Xcerra can give any assurance that the conditions to the proposed transaction will be satisfied. Except as required by applicable law, neither Cohu nor Xcerra undertakes any obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information and Where You Can Find It

On June 21, 2018, Cohu filed with the SEC the Registration Statement containing the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus which was subsequently amended on July 26, 2018. 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 ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed by Xcerra and Cohu with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC 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.

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 the Registration Statement, 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, and is supplemented by other public filings made, and to be made, with the SEC by Cohu. 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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Cohu, Inc. and Xcerra Corporation, dated July 27, 2018

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: July 27, 2018

Cohu, Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Jones
Name: Jeffrey D. Jones
Title: VP Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Cohu and Xcerra Announce Early Termination of HSR Waiting Period in Connection with Proposed Acquisition of Xcerra

POWAY, Calif., and NORWOOD, Mass., July 27, 2018 -- Cohu, Inc. (NASDAQ: COHU), and Xcerra Corporation (NASDAQ: XCRA) today announced that on July 26, 2018, the Federal Trade Commission granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, or HSR, with respect to Cohu's previously announced acquisition of Xcerra. The termination of the HSR waiting period satisfies one of the conditions to the closing of the acquisition as specified in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 7, 2018, by and among Cohu, Inc., Xavier Acquisition Corporation and Xcerra Corporation (the "Merger Agreement"). Previously, on July 16, 2018, the Germany Federal Cartel Office granted clearance for the acquisition.

In addition, Xcerra announced that its special stockholder meeting to approve the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time at Xcerra's corporate offices located at 825 University Avenue, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062. Cohu also announced that its special stockholder meeting to approve the issuance of shares as outlined in the Merger Agreement will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Pacific time at Cohu's corporate offices located at 12367 Crosthwaite Circle, Poway, California 92064.

The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2018, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of customary closing conditions. Upon the completion of the proposed transaction, Xcerra's common stock will no longer be publicly traded and will be delisted from the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

About Cohu

Cohu (NASDAQ: COHU) is a leading supplier of semiconductor test and inspection handlers, micro-electro mechanical system (MEMS) test modules, test contactors and thermal sub-systems used by global semiconductor manufacturers and test subcontractors. For more information, visit <http://www.Cohu.com/>.

About Xcerra

Xcerra Corporation (NASDAQ: XCRA) is comprised of four businesses in the semiconductor and electronics manufacturing test markets: atg-Luther & Maelzer, Everett Charles Technologies, LTX-Credence and Multitest. The combination of these businesses creates a company with a broad spectrum of semiconductor and PCB test expertise that drives innovative new products and services, and the ability to deliver to customers fully integrated semiconductor test cell solutions. Xcerra addresses the broad, divergent requirements of the mobility, industrial, automotive and consumer end markets, offering a comprehensive portfolio of solutions and technologies, and a global network of strategically deployed applications and support resources. Additional information can be found at www.Xcerra.com or at each product group's website; www.atg-lm.com, www.ectinfo.com, www.ltxc.com and www.multitest.com

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For press releases and other information of interest to investors, please visit Cohu’s website at www.Cohu.com.

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