

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 4, 2023

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

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

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	COHU	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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 4, 2023, Cohu, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release regarding its financial results for the first quarter ended April 1, 2023. 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:

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Forward Looking Statements:

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These and other risks and uncertainties are discussed more fully in Cohu's filings with the SEC, including our most recent Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, and the other filings made by Cohu with the SEC from time to time, which are available via the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Except as required by applicable law, Cohu does not undertake 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.

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

[First Quarter 2023 Earnings Release, dated May 4, 2023, of Cohu, Inc.](#)

Exhibit No. - 104

Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

May 4, 2023

Cohu, Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Jones

Name: Jeffrey D. Jones

Title: Senior VP Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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Cohu Reports First Quarter 2023 Results

- Gross margin of 48.1%; non-GAAP gross margin of 48.2%
- Received large order for SiC device test automation & inspection equipment
- Expanding Philippines factory to support interface business growth plans

POWAY, Calif., May 4, 2023 -- Cohu, Inc. (NASDAQ: COHU), a global leader in semiconductor equipment and services, today reported fiscal 2023 first quarter net sales of \$179.4 million and GAAP income of \$15.7 million or \$0.33 per share. Cohu also reported first quarter 2023 non-GAAP income of \$26.9 million or \$0.56 per share.

GAAP Results (in millions, except per share amounts)		Q1 FY 2023		Q4 FY 2022		Q1 FY 2022	
Net sales	\$	179.4	\$	191.1	\$	197.8	
Net income	\$	15.7	\$	21.6	\$	21.6	
Net income per share	\$	0.33	\$	0.45	\$	0.44	

Non-GAAP Results (in millions, except per share amounts)		Q1 FY 2023		Q4 FY 2022		Q1 FY 2022	
Net income	\$	26.9	\$	33.5	\$	32.6	
Net income per share	\$	0.56	\$	0.70	\$	0.66	

Total cash and investments at the end of first quarter 2023 were \$324.3 million and, after making a \$35 million prepayment, our Term Loan B principal amount was \$32.0 million. Cohu repurchased 99,682 shares of its common stock in the first quarter for an aggregate amount of approximately \$3.5 million.

“First quarter profitability reflects our focus on continuing improvements in operational performance and a recurring business that delivered \$334 million revenue over the last 12 months,” said Cohu President and CEO Luis Müller. “Going forward, we are aligning investments with major trends in industrial automation, autonomous vehicles, increased processing and sensing power. We are expanding our factory footprint in the Philippines to support future growth in recurring business; building a new business in software to optimize industrial productivity; developing new products to support compound semiconductor manufacturing; and actively targeting test and inspection design-wins in upstream processes at wafer- and die-level. These actions are in support of Cohu’s strategy to expand served addressable markets and deliver long-term growth.”

Cohu expects second quarter 2023 sales to be between \$161 million and \$173 million.

Conference Call Information:

The Company will host a live conference call and webcast with slides to discuss first quarter 2023 results at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time/4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on May 4, 2023. Interested parties may listen live via webcast on Cohu’s investor relations website at <https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/f6cmpbex>. To participate via telephone and join the call live, please register in advance at <https://register.vevent.com/register/B13667d1974b4b4694bd1bcef574d60195> to receive the dial-in number along with a unique PIN number that can be used to access the call.

About Cohu:

Cohu (NASDAQ: COHU) is a global technology leader supplying test, automation, inspection and metrology products and services to the semiconductor industry. Cohu's differentiated and broad product portfolio enables optimized yield and productivity, accelerating customers' manufacturing time-to-market. Additional information can be found at www.cohu.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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COHU, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended ⁽¹⁾	
	April 1, 2023⁽²⁾	March 26, 2022
Net sales	\$ 179,371	\$ 197,757
Cost and expenses:		
Cost of sales (excluding amortization)	93,153	106,601
Research and development	22,510	23,106
Selling, general and administrative	34,189	31,246
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	8,754	8,535
Restructuring charges	888	576
	<u>159,494</u>	<u>170,064</u>
Income from operations	19,877	27,693
Other (expense) income:		
Interest expense	(1,128)	(981)
Interest income	2,718	111
Foreign transaction gain (loss)	(440)	1,144
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(369)	(104)
Income from operations before taxes	<u>20,658</u>	<u>27,863</u>
Income tax provision	4,973	6,294
Net income	<u>\$ 15,685</u>	<u>\$ 21,569</u>
Income per share:		
Basic:	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>
Diluted:	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>
Weighted average shares used in computing income per share:		
Basic	<u>47,343</u>	<u>48,778</u>
Diluted	<u>48,171</u>	<u>49,569</u>

(1) The three- month periods ended April 1, 2023 and March 26, 2022 were both comprised of 13 weeks.

(2) On January 30, 2023 the Company completed the acquisition of MCT Worldwide, LLC ("MCT") and the results of its operations have been included since that date.

COHU, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(in thousands)

	April 1, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and investments (1)	\$ 324,295	\$ 385,576
Accounts receivable	176,257	176,148
Inventories	176,189	170,141
Other current assets	32,755	32,986
Total current assets	709,496	764,851
Property, plant & equipment, net	67,208	65,011
Goodwill	223,552	213,539
Intangible assets, net	143,946	140,104
Operating lease right of use assets	21,718	22,804
Other assets	21,679	21,105
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,187,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,414</u>
Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity:		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 1,883	\$ 1,907
Current installments of long-term debt	4,538	4,404
Deferred profit	5,738	8,022
Other current liabilities	132,869	146,539
Total current liabilities	145,028	160,872
Long-term debt	37,719	72,664
Non-current operating lease liabilities	18,017	19,209
Other noncurrent liabilities	48,056	45,828
Cohu stockholders' equity	938,779	928,841
Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,187,599</u>	<u>\$ 1,227,414</u>

- (1) The decrease in cash and investments was driven by cash used to acquire MCT and prepay amounts outstanding on the Term Loan B during the quarter ended April 1, 2023.

COHU, INC.
Supplemental Reconciliation of GAAP Results to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	April 1, 2023	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022	March 26, 2022
Income from operations - GAAP basis (a)	\$ 19,877	\$ 27,243	\$ 27,693
Non-GAAP adjustments:			
Share-based compensation included in (b):			
Cost of sales (COS)	180	168	145
Research and development (R&D)	866	767	752
Selling, general and administrative (SG&A)	2,868	2,888	2,525
	3,914	3,823	3,422
Amortization of purchased intangible assets (c)	8,754	8,103	8,535
Restructuring charges related to inventory adjustments in COS (d)	(28)	(35)	(175)
Restructuring charges (d)	888	5	576
Manufacturing and sales transition costs included in (e):			
COS	18	(13)	-
R&D	-	(7)	-
SG&A	253	1,723	-
	271	1,703	-
Inventory step-up included in COS (f)	124	-	-
Acquisition costs included in SG&A (g)	385	72	-
Depreciation of PP&E Step-up included in SG&A (h)	9	-	-
Payroll taxes related to accelerated vesting of share-based awards included in SG&A (i)	-	-	132
Income from operations - non-GAAP basis (j)	\$ 34,194	\$ 40,914	\$ 40,183
Net income - GAAP basis	\$ 15,685	\$ 21,628	\$ 21,569
Non-GAAP adjustments (as scheduled above)	14,317	13,671	12,490
Tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments (k)	(3,057)	(1,761)	(1,483)
Net income - non-GAAP basis	\$ 26,945	\$ 33,538	\$ 32,576
GAAP net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.44
Non-GAAP net income per share - diluted (l)	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.66

Management believes the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provides meaningful supplemental information regarding the Company's operating performance. Our management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the Company's operating results, as well as when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods and these non-GAAP measures allow investors to evaluate the Company's financial performance using some of the same measures as management. Management views share-based compensation as an expense that is unrelated to the Company's operational performance as it does not require cash payments and can vary in amount from period to period and the elimination of amortization charges provides better comparability of pre- and post-acquisition operating results and to results of businesses utilizing internally developed intangible assets. Management initiated certain restructuring activities including employee headcount reductions and other organizational changes to align our business strategies in light of the merger with Xcerra and the acquisition of MCT. Restructuring costs have been excluded because such expense is not used by Management to assess the core profitability of Cohu's business operations. Acquisition costs have been excluded by management as they are unrelated to the core operating activities of the Company and the frequency and variability in the nature of the charges can vary significantly from period to period. Employer payroll taxes related to accelerated severance stock-based compensation are dependent on the Company's stock price and the timing and size of the vesting of their restricted stock, over which management has limited to no control, and as such management does not believe it correlates to the company's operation of the business. Excluding this data provides investors with a basis to compare Cohu's performance against the performance of other companies without this variability. However, the non-GAAP financial measures should not be regarded as a replacement for (or superior to) corresponding, similarly captioned, GAAP measures. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures above may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies and investors should be careful when comparing our non-GAAP financial measures to those of other companies.

(a) 11.1%, 14.3% and 14.0% of net sales, respectively.

(b) To eliminate compensation expense for employee stock options, stock units and our employee stock purchase plan.

(c) To eliminate the amortization of acquired intangible assets.

(d) To eliminate restructuring costs incurred related to the integration of MCT and Xcerra.

(e) To eliminate the manufacturing transition and severance costs.

(f) To eliminate amortization of inventory step up charges related to MCT acquisition.

(g) To eliminate professional fees and other direct incremental expenses incurred related to acquisitions.

(h) To eliminate depreciation of PP&E step up charges related to MCT acquisition.

(i) To eliminate the impact of employer payroll taxes associated with the acceleration of Pascal Rondé share-based awards under the terms of his separation agreement.

(j) 19.1%, 21.4% and 20.3% of net sales, respectively.

(k) To adjust the provision for income taxes related to the adjustments described above based on applicable tax rates.

(l) All periods presented were computed using the number of GAAP diluted shares outstanding.

COHU, INC.**Supplemental Reconciliation of GAAP Results to Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)***(in thousands)*

	April 1, 2023	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022	March 26, 2022
Gross Profit Reconciliation			
Gross profit - GAAP basis (excluding amortization) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 86,218	\$ 93,151	\$ 91,156
Non-GAAP adjustments to cost of sales (as scheduled above)	294	120	(30)
Gross profit - Non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 86,512</u>	<u>\$ 93,271</u>	<u>\$ 91,126</u>
As a percentage of net sales:			
GAAP gross profit	48.1%	48.7%	46.1%
Non-GAAP gross profit	48.2%	48.8%	46.1%
Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation			
Net income - GAAP Basis	\$ 15,685	\$ 21,628	\$ 21,569
Income tax provision	4,973	4,483	6,294
Interest expense	1,128	1,249	981
Interest income	(2,718)	(2,461)	(111)
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	8,754	8,103	8,535
Depreciation	3,337	3,268	3,132
Amortization of cloud-based software implementation costs ⁽²⁾	700	626	478
Loss on extinguishment of debt	369	-	104
Other non-GAAP adjustments (as scheduled above)	5,554	5,568	3,955
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 37,782</u>	<u>\$ 42,464</u>	<u>\$ 44,937</u>
As a percentage of net sales:			
Net income - GAAP Basis	8.7%	11.3%	10.9%
Adjusted EBITDA	21.1%	22.2%	22.7%
Operating Expense Reconciliation			
Operating Expense - GAAP basis	\$ 66,341	\$ 65,908	\$ 63,463
Non-GAAP adjustments to operating expenses (as scheduled above)	(14,023)	(13,551)	(12,520)
Operating Expenses - Non-GAAP basis	<u>\$ 52,318</u>	<u>\$ 52,357</u>	<u>\$ 50,943</u>

(1) Excludes amortization of \$6,891, \$6,350 and \$6,696 for the three months ending April 01, 2023, December 31, 2022 and March 26, 2022, respectively.

(2) Represents amortization of capitalized implementation costs related to cloud-based software arrangements that are included within SG&A.