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

October 27, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HARMONIC INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-25826

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **Commission File Number**

77-0201147 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2008, Harmonic Inc. ("Harmonic" or the "Company") issued a press release regarding its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended September 26, 2008. In the press release, Harmonic also announced that it would be holding a conference call on Monday, October 27, 2008, to discuss its financial results for the quarter ended September 26, 2008. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and the information in Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any filing by Harmonic under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Exchange Act, regardless of the general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of Harmonic Inc., issued on October 27, 2008.

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.

HARMONIC INC.

Date: October 27, 2008

By: /s/ Robin N. Dickson

Robin N. Dickson Chief Financial Officer

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99.1	Press Release of Harmonic Inc., issued on October 27, 2008.

Harmonic Announces Third Quarter Results Strong Year-over-Year Sales and Earnings Growth; Maintaining Gross Margins

SUNNYVALE, Calif.—October 27, 2008—Harmonic Inc. (NASDAQ: HLIT), a leading provider of broadcast and on-demand video delivery solutions, today announced its preliminary and unaudited results for the quarter ended September 26, 2008.

For the third quarter of 2008, the Company reported net sales of \$91.5 million, up 11% from \$82.3 million in the third quarter of 2007. For the first nine months of 2008, net sales were \$268.1 million, up 20% from \$223.8 million in the same period of 2007. International sales represented 39% of revenue for the third quarter of 2008, compared to 46% in the same period of 2007. In the third quarter of 2008, Harmonic had strong bookings across the Company's global customer base of cable, satellite, telco and other operators.

The Company maintained its gross margins in the third quarter of 2008, reflecting the continued success of its new products and solutions, as well as its sourcing strategy and product design innovations.

GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2008 was \$12.0 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, up from \$9.4 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, for the same period of 2007. The results for the third quarter of 2008 included a charge of approximately \$0.8 million for the impairment of an investment in the unsecured debt of Lehman Brothers. Excluding this charge and non-cash accounting charges for stock-based compensation, the amortization of intangibles, excess facilities and a credit arising from the reversal of a valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets, the non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2008 was \$15.9 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, up from \$11.9 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share, for the same period of 2007. See "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and "GAAP to non-GAAP Reconciliation" below.

As of September 26, 2008, the Company had cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$293.4 million, up from \$288.2 million as of June 27, 2008.

"We are pleased with our third quarter operating performance, bookings and momentum moving into the fourth quarter," said Patrick Harshman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Across different markets and geographies, video service providers continue to select our award-winning systems and solutions to expand their on-demand, high-definition and next-generation IP-based service offerings."

"While the global economic environment creates uncertainty, we remain confident about our strong market position and long-term growth opportunities. Our technology leadership, diverse customer base and operating performance have placed us in an excellent position to further strengthen our competitive position and extend our global customer base."

Business Outlook

The Company anticipates that net sales for the fourth quarter of 2008 will be in a range of \$92 to \$95 million and gross margins will be 47% to 49% on a GAAP basis. Non-GAAP gross margins for the same period, excluding charges for stock-based compensation and the amortization of intangibles, are anticipated to be in a range of 49% to 51%.

Conference Call Information

Harmonic will host a conference call today to discuss its financial results at 2:00 p.m. Pacific (5:00 p.m. Eastern). A listen-only broadcast of the conference call can be accessed on the Company's website at <u>www.harmonicinc.com</u> or by calling +1.706.634.9047 (conference identification code 30815836). The replay will be available after 6:00 p.m. Pacific at the same website address or by calling +1.706.645.9291 (conference identification code 30815836).

About Harmonic Inc.

Harmonic Inc. is a leading provider of versatile and high performance video solutions that enable service providers to efficiently deliver the next generation of broadcast and on-demand video services, including

high definition, video-on-demand, network personal video recording and time-shifted TV. Cable, satellite, broadcast and telecom service providers can utilize Harmonic's digital video, broadband optical access and software solutions to offer consumers a compelling and personalized viewing experience.

Harmonic (NASDAQ: HLIT) is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California with R&D, sales and system integration centers worldwide. The Company's customers, including many of the world's largest communications providers, deliver services in virtually every country. Visit <u>www.harmonicinc.com</u> for more information.

Legal Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including statements related to: our belief that, across different markets and geographies, video service providers continue to select our award-winning systems and solutions to expand their on-demand, high-definition and next-generation IP-based service offerings; our beliefs regarding our strong market position and long-term growth opportunities; our belief that our technology leadership, diverse customer base and operating performance have placed us in an excellent position to further strengthen our competitive position and extend our global customer base; and our expectations regarding net sales, GAAP gross margins and non-GAAP gross margins for the fourth quarter of 2008. Our expectations and beliefs regarding these matters may not materialize, and actual results in future periods are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks include the possibility that: the trends toward more high-definition, on-demand and anytime, anywhere video will not continue to develop at its current pace, or at all; our products will not generate sales that are commensurate with our expectations; the mix of products sold and the effect it has on gross margins; delays or decreases in capital spending in the cable, satellite and telco industries; customer concentration and consolidation; general economic conditions, including the impact of recent turmoil in the global financial markets; market acceptance of new or existing Harmonic products; losses of one or more key customers; risks associated with Harmonic's international operations; inventory management; the effect of competition; difficulties associated with rapid technological changes in Harmonic's markets; the need to introduce new and enhanced products and the risk that our product development is not timely or does not result in expected benefits or market acceptance; risks associated with a cyclical and unpredictable sales cycle; and risks that our international sales and support center will not provide the operational or tax benefits that we anticipate or that expenses exceed our plans. The forwardlooking statements contained in this press release are also subject to other risks and uncertainties, including those more fully described in Harmonic's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our annual report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, our subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and our current reports on Form 8-K. Harmonic does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements.

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Harmonic Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	<u>September 26, 2008</u>	December 31, 2007		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 169,593	\$ 129,005		
Short-term investments	123,816	140,255		
Accounts receivable, net	75,949	69,302		
Inventories	32,530	34,251		
Deferred income taxes	26,964	3,506		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	11,692	17,489		
Total current assets	440,544	393,808		
Property and equipment, net	14,894	14,082		
Goodwill, intangibles and other assets	84,182	67,889		
	\$ 539,620	\$ 475,779		
Liabilities and stockholders' equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	12,688	20,500		
Income taxes payable	46	481		
Deferred revenue	29,378	37,865		
Accrued liabilities	40,589	51,686		
Total current liabilities	82,701	110,532		
Accrued excess facilities costs, long-term	6,584	9,907		
Income taxes payable, long-term	40,773	8,908		
Other non-current liabilities	8,511	12,019		
Total liabilities	138,569	141,366		
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock	2,263,774	2,246,969		
Accumulated deficit	(1,861,603)	(1,912,386)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,120)	(1,912,500)		
Total stockholders' equity	401,051	334,413		
	\$ 539,620	\$ 475,779		

Harmonic Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Mo	nths Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	September 26, 2008	September 28, 2007	September 26, 2008	September 28, 2007		
Net sales	\$ 91,455	\$ 82,295	\$ 268,071	\$ 223,814		
Cost of sales	47,259	46,652	138,744	130,454		
Gross profit	44,196	35,643	129,327	93,360		
Operating expenses:						
Research and development	13,724	11,018	40,264	31,615		
Selling, general and administrative	19,254	14,911	56,725	46,357		
Write-off of acquired in-process technology	—	700	—	700		
Amortization of intangibles	160	143	479	365		
Total operating expenses	33,138	26,772	97,468	79,037		
Income from operations	11,058	8,871	31,859	14,323		
Interest and other income, net	836	1,296	5,526	3,266		
Income before income taxes	11,894	10,167	37,385	17,589		
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(71)	750	(13,398)	807		
Net income	\$ 11,965	\$ 9,417	<u>\$ 50,783</u>	\$ 16,782		
Net income per share						
Basic	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	\$ 0.12	<u>\$ 0.54</u>	\$ 0.21		
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.53</u>	\$ 0.21		
Shares used to compute net income per share:						
Basic	94,805	80,371	94,365	79,570		
Diluted	95,863	81,642	95,491	80,743		

Harmonic Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended			
	Septe	mber 26, 2008	September 28, 2007	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	50,783	\$	16,782
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Amortization of intangibles		4,746		3,661
Write-off of acquired in-process technology				700
Depreciation		5,215		5,089
Stock-based compensation		5,470		4,475
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		(2,864)		_
Loss (gain) on disposal and impairment of fixed assets		22		(31)
Loss on impairment of investments		845		
Deferred income taxes		(46,249)		
Other non-cash adjustments, net		(2,090)		(386)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		(6,612)		(4,234)
Inventories		1,741		5,777
Prepaid expenses and other assets		5,755		1,108
Accounts payable		(7,812)		(18,217)
Deferred revenue		(6,967)		3,714
Income taxes payable		31,430		(271)
Accrued excess facilities costs		(4,808)		(5,661)
Accrued and other liabilities		(9,939)		(3,242)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		18,666		9,264
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of investments		(91,868)		(70,507)
Proceeds from sale of investments		109,363		71,578
Acquisition of property and equipment, net		(6,049)		(4,193)
Acquisition of intellectual property		(500)		—
Acquisition of Rhozet Corp., net of cash received		(2,828)		(1,370)
Redemption (purchase) of Entone, Inc. convertible note		2,500		(2,500)
Acquisition costs related to the merger of Entone Technologies, Inc.				(2,466)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		10,618		(9,458)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayments under bank line and term loan		—		(460)
Repayments of capital lease obligations				(65)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net		8,367		8,292
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		2,864		_
Net cash provided by financing activities		11,231		7,767
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		73		(34)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		40,588		7,539
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		129,005		33,454
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	169,593	\$	40,993

Harmonic Inc. Revenue Information (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended						Nine Months Ended				
	September 26, 2008		Septembe 2007	· ·	September 2008	26,	September 28, 2007				
Product											
Video Processing	\$ 32,284	35%	\$ 38,623	47%	\$101,152	38%	\$ 92,790	41%			
Edge & Access	43,029	47%	29,156	35%	124,191	46%	95,891	43%			
Software, Services and Other	16,142	18%	14,516	18%	42,728	16%	35,133	16%			
Total	\$ 91,455	100%	\$ 82,295	100%	\$268,071	100%	\$223,814	100%			
Geography											
United States	\$ 55,669	61%	\$ 44,638	54%	\$153,565	57%	\$125,447	56%			
International	35,786	39%	37,657	46%	114,506	43%	98,367	44%			
Total	\$ 91,455	100%	\$ 82,295	100%	\$268,071	100%	\$223,814	100%			
Market											
Cable	\$ 57,953	63%	\$ 41,608	51%	\$166,473	62%	\$139,310	62%			
Satellite	19,824	22%	26,462	32%	53,378	20%	43,706	20%			
Telco & Other	13,678	<u>15</u> %	14,225	17%	48,220	18%	40,798	18%			
Total	\$ 91,455	100%	\$ 82,295	100%	\$268,071	100%	\$223,814	100%			

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In establishing operating budgets, managing its business performance, and setting internal measurement targets, the Company excludes a number of items required by GAAP. Management believes that these accounting charges and credits, which are non-cash or non-recurring in nature, are not useful in managing its operations and business. Historically, the Company has also publicly presented these supplemental non-GAAP financial measures in order to assist the investment community to see the Company "through the eyes of management," and thereby enhance understanding of its operating performance. The non-GAAP financial measures presented here are gross margin, operating expense, net income and net income per share. The presentation of non-GAAP information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP and is not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP results published by other companies. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures discussed in this press release to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures is included with the financial statements contained in this press release. The non-GAAP adjustments described below have historically been excluded from our non-GAAP financial measures. These adjustments, and the basis for excluding them, are:

Restructuring Activities

Severance Costs

The Company has incurred severance costs in cost of sales and in operating expenses in connection with the closing of its manufacturing and research and development facilities in the UK. The Company excludes one-time costs of this nature in evaluating its ongoing operational performance. We believe that these costs do not reflect expected future expenses nor do they provide a meaningful comparison of current versus prior operating results.

Excess Facilities

The Company has incurred excess facilities charges and credits in operating expenses due to adjustments related to vacating portions of its Sunnyvale campus, estimating income from subleases of buildings, and to the closing of its manufacturing and research and development facilities in the UK. The Company excludes one-time charges and credits of this nature in evaluating its ongoing operational performance. We believe that these charges and credits do not reflect expected future expenses nor do they provide a meaningful comparison of current versus prior operating results.

Product Discontinuance

In connection with the restructuring of its operations in the UK, the Company recorded charges for excess inventory in connection with discontinued products. The Company excludes one-time costs of this nature in evaluating its ongoing operational performance. We believe that these costs do not reflect expected future expenses nor do they provide a meaningful comparison of current versus prior operating results.

Non-Cash Items

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The Company has incurred stock-based compensation expense in cost of sales and operating expenses as required under FAS 123R. The Company excludes stock-based compensation expense because it believes that this measure is not relevant in evaluating its core operating performance, either for internal measurement purposes or for period-to-period comparisons and benchmarking against other companies.

Amortization of Intangibles

The Company has incurred amortization of intangibles related to acquisitions made by the Company. Management excludes these items when it evaluates its core operating performance. We believe that eliminating these expenses is useful to investors when comparing historical and prospective results and comparing such results to other companies because these expenses will vary if and when the Company makes additional acquisitions.

• Impairment of a Marketable Security

The fair value of the Company's investment in the unsecured debt of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. has been substantially reduced because of the bankruptcy of the issuer. As a result, we recorded an "other-than-temporary" impairment charge to reduce the carrying value of this investment. This impairment charge has been excluded from our non-GAAP net income because we expect the impairment charge to be a non-recurring item. As such, we believe that its inclusion in our calculation of non-GAAP net income would not provide a meaningful comparison of current versus prior net income.

Reversal of Valuation Allowance for Certain Deferred Tax Assets

The Company has reversed a valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets, resulting in a credit to its provision for income taxes. Management has excluded the discrete benefit from this reversal from its calculation of the Company's non-GAAP net income because it believes that it is of a one-time nature and does not reflect future expected tax provisions nor does it provide a meaningful comparison of current versus prior net income.

Harmonic Inc. GAAP to non-GAAP Income Reconciliation (Unaudited)

	Three Mo	nths Ended September	26, 2008	Three Months Ended September 28, 2007				
(In thousands)	Gross Margin	Operating Expense	Net Income	Gross Margin	Operating Expense	Net Income		
(Gross margin	Lapense		<u>Oroso margin</u>	Laponse			
GAAP	\$ 44,196	\$ 33,138	\$ 11,965	\$ 35,643	\$ 26,772	\$ 9,417		
Cost of sales related to stock based compensation expense Research and development expense	325		325	255		255		
related to stock based compensation expense		(785)	785		(563)	563		
Selling, general and administrative expense related to stock based compensation expense		(1,110)	1,110		(870)	870		
Selling, general and administrative expense related to excess facilities expense		(283)	283		1,384	(1,384)		
Amortization of intangibles from	1.256	, í		1 227	,			
acquisitions Impairment on Lehman Brothers investment	1,356	(160)	1,516 845	1,337	(843)	2,180		
Income tax valuation allowance adjustment			(970)					
Non-GAAP	\$ 45,877	\$ 30,800	\$ 15,859	\$ 37,235	\$ 25,880	\$ 11,901		
GAAP per share — basic			\$ 0.13			\$ 0.12		
GAAP per share — diluted			\$ 0.12			\$ 0.12		
Non-GAAP income per share — basic			\$ 0.17			\$ 0.15		
Non-GAAP income per share — diluted			\$ 0.17			\$ 0.15		
Shares used in per-share calculation — basic			94,805			80,371		
Shares used in per-share calculation — diluted			95,863			81,642		
			26 2000	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2007				
	Nine Mo	nths Ended September Operating	r 26, 2008	Nine Mont	31 28, 2007			
	Gross Margin	Expense	Net Income	Gross Margin	Expense	Net Income		
GAAP	\$ 129,327	\$ 97,468	\$ 50,783	\$ 93,360	\$ 79,037	\$ 16,782		
Cost of sales related to severance costs Cost of sales related to stock based				188		188		
compensation expense	819		819	719		719		
Cost of sales related to product discontinuance				772		772		
Research and development expense related to severance costs Research and development expense					(334)	334		
related to stock based compensation expense		(2,021)	2,021		(1,439)	1,439		
Selling, general and administrative expense related to severance costs					(131)	131		
Selling, general and administrative expense related to stock based compensation expense		(2,630)	2,630		(2,317)	2,317		
Selling, general and administrative expense related to excess facilities expense		(1,738)	1,738		813	(813)		
Amortization of intangibles from acquisitions	4,151	(479)	4,630	3,266	(1,065)	4,331		
Impairment on Lehman Brothers investment	7,131	(473)	845	5,200	(1,005)	т , <i>ээ</i> 1		
mvestment			845					

Income tax valuation allowance

adjustment				(16,068)				
Non-GAAP	\$ 134,297	\$ 90,600	\$	47,398	\$ 98,305	\$ 74,564	\$ 26,2	200
GAAP per share — basic			\$	0.54			<u>\$</u> 0).21
GAAP per share — basic			\$	0.53			\$ 0	
Non-GAAP income per share — basic			\$	0.50			\$ 0	
Non-GAAP income per share — diluted			\$	0.50			\$ 0	0.32
Shares used in per-share calculation — basic			_	94,365			79,5	
Shares used in per-share calculation — diluted				95,491			80,7	743