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): October 21, 2015

KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-09992 (Commission File Number) 04-2564110 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Technology Drive, Milpitas, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95035 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 875-3000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 21, 2015, KLA-Tencor Corporation issued a press release announcing selected operating results for its first quarter of fiscal year 2016. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in 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, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Text of press release issued by KLA-Tencor Corporation dated October 21, 2015

SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 21, 2015

KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION

/s/ Bren D. Higgins

Name: Bren D. Higgins
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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KLA-TENCOR REPORTS FISCAL 2016 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND AGREEMENT TO COMBINE WITH LAM RESEARCH

MILPITAS, Calif., October 21, 2015 - KLA-Tencor Corporation (NASDAQ: KLAC) today announced operating results for its first quarter of fiscal year 2016, which ended on September 30, 2015, and reported GAAP net income of \$105 million and GAAP earnings per diluted share of \$0.66 on revenues of \$643 million.

"KLA-Tencor posted solid results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2016, with new orders and earnings per share finishing above the range of guidance, and with revenue finishing at the top end of the range of guidance, demonstrating our market leadership, the resilience of our business model, and effective operational execution," said Rick Wallace, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The strong demand we are experiencing affirms KLA-Tencor's ongoing focus on providing superior value to customers both in terms of meeting market requirements and delivering superior competitive offerings."

GAAP Results							
		Q1 F	Y 2016	Q4 F	Y 2015	Ç	21 FY 2015
Revenues		\$ 643 million \$ 756 million \$ 643 r				643 million	
Net Income		\$ 105	million	\$ 142	million	\$	72 million
Earnings per Diluted Share		\$	0.66	\$	0.89	\$	0.43
N	on-GAAP Results						
		Q1 F	Y 2016	Q4 F	Y 2015	Ç	1 FY 2015
Net Income		\$ 112	million	\$ 159	million	\$	79 million
Earnings per Diluted Share		\$	0.71	\$	0.99	\$	0.47

A reconciliation between GAAP operating results and non-GAAP operating results is provided following the financial statements that are part of this release. Non-GAAP results include the impact of stock-based compensation, but exclude the impact of acquisitions, restructuring, severance and other related charges.

KLA-Tencor to Combine with Lam Research

KLA-Tencor also announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Lam Research Corporation (NASDAQ: LRCX) pursuant to which KLA-Tencor would combine with Lam Research, and KLA-Tencor stockholders would be entitled to elect to receive the economic equivalent of \$32.00 in cash and 0.5 of a share of Lam Research common stock for each share of KLA-Tencor stock they hold.

Conference Call information:

KLA-Tencor and Lam Research will host a joint conference call to discuss the results for KLA-Tencor's fiscal year 2016 first quarter, along with its outlook, and the transaction to combine with Lam Research. Please refer to the separate joint press release issued by KLA-Tencor and Lam Research today for additional details regarding the conference call.

Forward-Looking Statements:

Statements in this press release other than historical facts, such as statements regarding: our ability to benefit from our market leadership position; the resilience of our business model; operational execution; our ability to provide superior value to

customers, meet market requirements and deliver superior competitive offerings, are forward-looking statements, and are subject to the Safe Harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on current information and expectations, and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in such statements due to various factors, including but not limited to: the demand for semiconductors; the financial condition of the global capital markets and the general macroeconomic environment; new and enhanced product and technology offerings by competitors; cancellation of orders by customers; the ability of KLA-Tencor's research and development teams to successfully innovate and develop technologies and products that are responsive to customer demands; KLA-Tencor's ability to successfully manage its costs; market acceptance of KLA-Tencor's existing and newly issued products; changing customer demands; and industry transitions.

For other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected and anticipated in forward-looking statements in this release, please refer to KLA-Tencor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2015, and other subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including, but not limited to, the risk factors described therein). KLA-Tencor assumes no obligation to, and does not currently intend to, update these forward-looking statements.

About KLA-Tencor:

KLA-Tencor Corporation, a leading provider of process control and yield management solutions, partners with customers around the world to develop state-of-the-art inspection and metrology technologies. These technologies serve the semiconductor, LED and other related nanoelectronics industries. With a portfolio of industry-standard products and a team of world-class engineers and scientists, the company has created superior solutions for its customers for nearly 40 years. Headquartered in Milpitas, California, KLA-Tencor has dedicated customer operations and service centers around the world. Additional information may be found at www.kla-tencor.com. (KLAC-F)

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

The non-GAAP and supplemental information provided in this press release is a supplement to, and not a substitute for, KLA-Tencor's financial results presented in accordance with United States GAAP.

To supplement KLA-Tencor's condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the company provides certain non-GAAP financial information, which is adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain costs and expenses, as well as other supplemental information. The non-GAAP and supplemental information is provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of KLA-Tencor's operating performance and its prospects in the future. Specifically, KLA-Tencor believes that the non-GAAP information provides useful measures to both management and investors regarding financial and business trends relating to KLA-Tencor's financial performance by excluding certain costs and expenses that the company believes are not indicative of its core operating results. The non-GAAP information is among the budgeting and planning tools that management uses for future forecasting. However, because there are no standardized or generally accepted definitions for most non-GAAP financial metrics, definitions of non-GAAP financial metrics (for example, determining which costs and expenses to exclude when calculating such a metric) are inherently subject to significant discretion. As a result, non-GAAP financial metrics may be defined very differently from company to company, or even from period to period within the same company, which can potentially limit the usefulness of such information to an investor. The presentation of non-GAAP and supplemental information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared and presented in accordance with United States GAAP.

Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Balance Sheets

(In thousands)		June 30, 2015
ASSETS		
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 2,269,447	\$ 2,387,111
Accounts receivable, net	460,813	, .
Inventories	650,496	617,904
Other current assets	294,662	314,067
Land, property and equipment, net	302,868	314,591
Goodwill	335,218	/
Purchased intangibles, net	8,242	,
Other non-current assets	249,577	259,687
Total assets	<u>\$</u> 4,571,323	\$ 4,826,012
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 107,363	\$ 103,342
Deferred system profit	134,188	148,691
Unearned revenue	63,700	71,335
Current portion of long-term debt	<u> </u>	16,981
Other current liabilities	609,990	661,414
Total current liabilities	915,241	1,001,763
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt	3,151,046	3,173,435
Unearned revenue	44,970	47,145
Other non-current liabilities	165,625	182,230
Total liabilities	4,276,882	4,404,573
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock and capital in excess of par value	385,633	474,374
Accumulated deficit	(45,055	(12,362)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(46,137	(40,573)
Total stockholders' equity	294,441	421,439
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 4,571,323</u>	\$ 4,826,012

Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Operations

	Three months ended	ded September 30,	
(In thousands, except per share amounts)	2015	2014	
Revenues:		_	
Product	\$ 460,739	476,598	
Service	181,905	166,303	
Total revenues	642,644	642,901	
Costs and expenses:			
Costs of revenues	270,244	288,467	
Engineering, research and development	119,943	143,637	
Selling, general and administrative	91,663	101,644	
Interest expense and other, net	26,495	10,146	
Income before income taxes	134,299	99,007	
Provision for income taxes	29,402	26,774	
Net income	<u>\$ 104,897</u>	\$ 72,233	
Net income per share:			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.67</u>	0.44	
Diluted	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.43	
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.50	
Weighted-average number of shares:			
Basic	156,820	164,845	
Diluted	157,984	166,580	

Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Cash Flows

	Three mon	
(In thousands)	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 104,897	\$ 72,233
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	19,735	21,159
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	12,248	15,483
Excess tax benefit from equity awards	(10,159)	(14,223)
Net gain on sales of marketable securities and other investments	(1,233)	(1,635)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease in accounts receivable, net	124,925	39,261
Increase in inventories	(31,243)	(23,445)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	34,381	(2,732)
Increase in accounts payable	4,158	5,276
Decrease in deferred system profit	(14,504)	(59,122)
Decrease in other liabilities	(49,423)	(17,329)
Net cash provided by operating activities	193,782	34,926
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures, net	(7,341)	(13,445)
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(343,358)	(624,860)
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities	200,353	732,337
Proceeds from maturity of available-for-sale securities	184,973	135,097
Purchases of trading securities	(18,267)	(22,567)
Proceeds from sale of trading securities	15,540	18,986
Net cash provided by investing activities	31,900	225,548
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of debt	(40,000)	_
Issuance of common stock	_	4,677
Tax withholding payments related to vested and released restricted stock units	(21,526)	(27,168)
Common stock repurchases	(142,592)	(124,839)
Payment of dividends to stockholders	(101,674)	(82,413)
Excess tax benefit from equity awards	10,159	14,223
Net cash used in financing activities	(295,633)	(215,520)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(4,377)	(6,132)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(74,328)	38,822
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	838,025	630,861
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 763,697	\$ 669,683
Supplemental cash flow disclosures:		
Income taxes paid, net	\$ 7,844	\$ 20,361
Interest paid	\$ 3,149	\$ 136
Non-cash activities:		
Purchase of land, property and equipment - investing activities	\$ 1,490	\$ 3,571
Unsettled common stock repurchase - financing activities	\$ 9,610	\$ 5,844
Dividends payable - financing activities	\$ 20,892	\$ —

Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Supplemental Information

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to Non-GAAP Net Income

		Three months ended					
		September 30, 2015		June 30, 2015	Septe	ember 30, 2014	
GAAP net income		\$	104,897	\$ 142,019	\$	72,233	
Adjustments to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income							
Acquisition related charges	a		3,581	3,578		3,998	
Restructuring, severance and other related charges	b		7,066	22,417		4,057	
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	c		(3,348)	(9,159)		(1,539)	
Non-GAAP net income		\$	112,196	\$ 158,855	\$	78,749	
GAAP net income per diluted share		\$	0.66	\$ 0.89	\$	0.43	
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share		\$	0.71	\$ 0.99	\$	0.47	
Shares used in diluted shares calculation			157,984	159,965		166,580	

$\underline{\textbf{Pre-tax impact of items included in Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Operations}}$

	Acqu	Acquisition related charges		Restructuring, severance and other related charges		Total pre-tax GAAP to non-GAAP adjustments	
Three months ended September 30, 2015							
Costs of revenues	\$	2,285	\$	2,770	\$	5,055	
Engineering, research and development		650		1,010		1,660	
Selling, general and administrative		646		3,286		3,932	
Total in three months ended September 30, 2015	\$	3,581	\$	7,066	\$	10,647	
Three months ended June 30, 2015			· <u></u>				
Costs of revenues	\$	2,282	\$	7,458	\$	9,740	
Engineering, research and development		650		6,310		6,960	
Selling, general and administrative		646		8,649		9,295	
Total in three months ended June 30, 2015	\$	3,578	\$	22,417	\$	25,995	
Three months ended September 30, 2014						_	
Costs of revenues	\$	2,577	\$	355	\$	2,932	
Engineering, research and development		700		2,933		3,633	
Selling, general and administrative		721		769		1,490	
Total in three months ended September 30, 2014	\$	3,998	\$	4,057	\$	8,055	

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- a. Acquisition related charges includes amortization of intangible assets associated with acquisitions. Management believes that the expense associated with the amortization of acquisition related intangible assets is appropriate to be excluded because a significant portion of the purchase price for acquisitions may be allocated to intangible assets that have short lives, and exclusion of these expenses allows comparisons of operating results that are consistent over time for both KLA-Tencor's newly acquired and long-held businesses. Management believes excluding these items helps investors compare our operating performance with our results in prior periods as well as with the performance of other companies.
- b. Restructuring, severance and other related charges include costs associated with employee severance and other exit costs. Management believes excluding these items helps investors compare our operating performance with our results in prior periods as well as with the performance of other companies.
- c. Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments includes the income tax effects of the excluded items noted above. Management believes that it is appropriate to exclude the tax effects of the items noted above in order to present a more meaningful measure of non-GAAP net income.