

ANALOG DEVICES INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended July 30, 2016

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File No. 1-7819

Analog Devices, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts 04-2348234
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Technology Way, Norwood, MA 02062-9106
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 329-4700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

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As of July 30, 2016 there were 307,474,197 shares of common stock of the registrant, \$0.16 $\frac{2}{3}$ par value per share, outstanding.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Revenue	\$869,591	\$863,365	\$2,417,786	\$2,456,370
Cost of sales (1)	297,301	294,328	857,300	838,904
Gross margin	572,290	569,037	1,560,486	1,617,466
Operating expenses:				
Research and development (1)	163,227	160,784	480,890	466,723
Selling, marketing, general and administrative (1)	122,909	120,030	342,557	357,572
Amortization of intangibles	17,447	22,954	52,224	70,960
Special charges	—	—	13,684	—
	303,583	303,768	889,355	895,255
Operating income	268,707	265,269	671,131	722,211
Nonoperating expense (income):				
Interest expense	18,476	6,755	49,993	20,291
Interest income	(5,665)	(2,229)	(14,107)	(6,282)
Other, net	(504)	1,265	1,758	2,765
	12,307	5,791	37,644	16,774
Income before income taxes	256,400	259,478	633,487	705,437
Provision for income taxes	25,970	43,000	67,980	104,864
Net income	\$230,430	\$216,478	\$565,507	\$600,573
Shares used to compute earnings per share – basic	307,135	313,877	309,030	312,604
Shares used to compute earnings per share – diluted	310,558	318,187	312,534	316,973
Basic earnings per share	\$0.75	\$0.69	\$1.83	\$1.92
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.74	\$0.68	\$1.81	\$1.89
Dividends declared and paid per share	\$0.42	\$0.40	\$1.24	\$1.17
(1) Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows:				
Cost of sales	\$1,844	\$2,196	\$5,922	\$6,795
Research and development	\$6,682	\$6,839	\$20,032	\$20,129
Selling, marketing, general and administrative	\$8,093	\$7,329	\$22,233	\$25,912

See accompanying notes.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Net income	\$230,430	\$216,478	\$565,507	\$600,573
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,859)	(7,871)	(2,923)	(15,345)
Change in fair value of available-for-sale securities classified as short-term investments (net of taxes of \$7, \$62, \$49 and \$58, respectively)	(307)	(164)	223	57
Change in fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges (net of taxes of \$371, \$202, \$767, and \$7,619, respectively)	(3,545)	2,832	2,755	(11,984)
Changes in pension plans including prior service cost, transition obligation, net actuarial loss and foreign currency translation adjustments (net of taxes of \$50, \$275, \$152, and \$838 respectively)	880	3,297	1,240	23,037
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(5,831)	(1,906)	1,295	(4,235)
Comprehensive income	\$224,599	\$214,572	\$566,802	\$596,338

See accompanying notes.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)
 (thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	July 30, 2016	October 31, 2015 (as adjusted Note 1)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,103,670	\$ 884,353
Short-term investments	2,699,764	2,144,575
Accounts receivable, net	452,944	466,527
Inventories (1)	392,303	412,314
Deferred tax assets	—	129,241
Prepaid income tax	25,156	1,941
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	54,051	40,597
Total current assets	4,727,888	4,079,548
Property, Plant and Equipment, at Cost		
Land and buildings	561,894	559,660
Machinery and equipment	1,983,187	1,932,727
Office equipment	57,997	54,099
Leasehold improvements	60,154	55,609
	2,663,232	2,602,095
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	2,034,138	1,957,985
Net property, plant and equipment	629,094	644,110
Other Assets		
Deferred compensation plan investments	26,178	23,753
Other investments	27,899	17,482
Goodwill	1,639,033	1,636,526
Intangible assets, net	529,035	583,517
Deferred tax assets	33,661	33,280
Other assets	72,265	40,561
Total other assets	2,328,071	2,335,119
	\$ 7,685,053	\$ 7,058,777
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 160,416	\$ 174,247
Deferred income on shipments to distributors, net	327,444	300,087
Income taxes payable	2,396	15,062
Debt, current	—	374,594
Accrued liabilities	188,437	249,595
Total current liabilities	678,693	1,113,585
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term debt	1,731,758	495,341
Deferred income taxes	133,412	227,376
Deferred compensation plan liability	26,178	23,753
Other non-current liabilities	131,679	125,763
Total non-current liabilities	2,023,027	872,233

Commitments and contingencies

Shareholders' Equity

Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value, 471,934 shares authorized, none outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.16 2/3 par value, 1,200,000,000 shares authorized, 307,474,197 shares issued and outstanding (312,060,682 on October 31, 2015)	51,247	52,011
Capital in excess of par value	362,357	634,484
Retained earnings	4,619,285	4,437,315
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(49,556)	(50,851)
Total shareholders' equity	4,983,333	5,072,959
	\$7,685,053	\$7,058,777

(1) Includes \$2,554 and \$2,923 related to stock-based compensation at July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, respectively.

See accompanying notes.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)
 (thousands)

	Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$565,507	\$600,573
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation	100,424	97,459
Amortization of intangibles	55,703	73,791
Stock-based compensation expense	48,187	52,836
Loss on extinguishment of debt	3,290	—
Excess tax benefit-stock options	(7,180)	(22,150)
Deferred income taxes	5,072	(26,564)
Other non-cash activity	2,371	9,402
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	20,537	(75,524)
Total adjustments	228,404	109,250
Net cash provided by operating activities	793,911	709,823
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of short-term available-for-sale investments	(5,855,930)	(4,275,797)
Maturities of short-term available-for-sale investments	5,010,942	2,939,035
Sales of short-term available-for-sale investments	290,071	1,091,648
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(86,173)	(108,153)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(2,203)	(7,065)
Increase in other assets	(18,048)	(9,377)
Net cash used for investing activities	(661,341)	(369,709)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Early termination of debt	(378,156)	—
Payments of derivative instruments	(33,430)	—
Proceeds from debt	1,235,331	—
Payments of deferred financing fees	(22,208)	—
Dividend payments to shareholders	(383,537)	(365,477)
Repurchase of common stock	(368,649)	(115,251)
Proceeds from employee stock plans	39,342	114,871
Contingent consideration payment	—	(1,767)
Changes in other financing activities	(7,423)	(3,224)
Excess tax benefit-stock options	7,180	22,150
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	88,450	(348,698)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1,703)	(3,152)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	219,317	(11,736)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	884,353	569,233
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$1,103,670	\$557,497
See accompanying notes.		

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED JULY 30, 2016

(all tabular amounts in thousands except per share amounts and percentages)

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

In the opinion of management, the information furnished in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements reflects all normal recurring adjustments that are necessary to fairly state the results for these interim periods and should be read in conjunction with Analog Devices, Inc.'s (the Company) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015 (fiscal 2015) and related notes. The results of operations for the interim periods shown in this report are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending October 29, 2016 (fiscal 2016) or any future period.

Certain amounts reported in previous periods have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal 2016 presentation. As further discussed in Note 17, New Accounting Pronouncements, the Company adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (ASU 2015-03), in the first quarter of fiscal 2016. As shown in the table below, pursuant to the guidance in ASU 2015-03 the Company has reclassified unamortized debt issuance costs associated with its senior notes in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2015 as follows (in thousands):

	October 31, 2015 as presented	Reclassifications	October 31, 2015 as adjusted
Other assets	\$43,962	\$ (3,401)	\$40,561
Total other assets	\$2,338,520	\$ (3,401)	\$2,335,119
Total assets	\$7,062,178	\$ (3,401)	\$7,058,777
Current debt	\$374,839	\$ (245)	\$374,594
Current liabilities	\$1,113,830	\$ (245)	\$1,113,585
Long-term debt	\$498,497	\$ (3,156)	\$495,341
Total non-current liabilities	\$875,389	\$ (3,156)	\$872,233
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$7,062,178	\$ (3,401)	\$7,058,777

The Company has a 52-53 week fiscal year that ends on the Saturday closest to the last day in October. Fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2015 are 52-week fiscal years.

Proposed acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation

On July 26, 2016, the Company entered into a definitive agreement (the "Merger Agreement") to acquire Linear Technology Corporation ("Linear"), an independent manufacturer of high performance linear integrated circuits. See Note 15, Acquisitions, for additional information.

Note 2 – Revenue Recognition

Revenue from product sales to customers is generally recognized when title passes, which is upon shipment in the U.S. and in certain foreign countries. Revenue from product sales to customers in other foreign countries is recognized subsequent to product shipment. Title for shipments to these other foreign countries ordinarily passes within a week of shipment. Accordingly, the Company defers the revenue recognized relating to these other foreign countries until title has passed. For multiple element arrangements, the Company allocates arrangement consideration among the elements based on the relative fair values of those elements as determined using vendor-specific objective evidence or third-party evidence. The Company uses its best estimate of selling price to allocate arrangement consideration between the deliverables in cases where neither vendor-specific objective evidence nor third-party evidence is available. A reserve for sales returns and allowances for customers is recorded based on historical experience or specific identification of an event necessitating a reserve.

Revenue from contracts with the United States government, government prime contractors and some commercial customers is generally recorded on a percentage of completion basis using either units delivered or costs incurred as the measurement basis for progress towards completion. The output measure is used to measure results directly and is generally the best measure of progress toward completion in circumstances in which a reliable measure of output can be established. Estimated revenue in excess of amounts billed is reported as unbilled receivables. Contract accounting requires judgment in

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estimating costs and assumptions related to technical issues and delivery schedule. Contract costs include material, subcontract costs, labor and an allocation of indirect costs. The estimation of costs at completion of a contract is subject to numerous variables involving contract costs and estimates as to the length of time to complete the contract. Changes in contract performance, estimated gross margin, including the impact of final contract settlements, and estimated losses are recognized in the period in which the changes or losses are determined.

In all regions of the world, the Company defers revenue and the related cost of sales on shipments to distributors until the distributors resell the products to their customers. As a result, the Company's revenue fully reflects end customer purchases and is not impacted by distributor inventory levels. Sales to distributors are made under agreements that allow distributors to receive price-adjustment credits, as discussed below, and to return qualifying products for credit, as determined by the Company, in order to reduce the amounts of slow-moving, discontinued or obsolete product from their inventory. These agreements limit such returns to a certain percentage of the value of the Company's shipments to that distributor during the prior quarter. In addition, distributors are allowed to return unsold products if the Company terminates the relationship with the distributor.

Distributors are granted price-adjustment credits for sales to their customers when the distributor's standard cost (i.e., the Company's sales price to the distributor) does not provide the distributor with an appropriate margin on its sales to its customers. As distributors negotiate selling prices with their customers, the final sales price agreed upon with the customer will be influenced by many factors, including the particular product being sold, the quantity ordered, the particular customer, the geographic location of the distributor and the competitive landscape. As a result, the distributor may request and receive a price-adjustment credit from the Company to allow the distributor to earn an appropriate margin on the transaction.

Distributors are also granted price-adjustment credits in the event of a price decrease subsequent to the date the product was shipped and billed to the distributor. Generally, the Company will provide a credit equal to the difference between the price paid by the distributor (less any prior credits on such products) and the new price for the product multiplied by the quantity of the specific product in the distributor's inventory at the time of the price decrease. Given the uncertainties associated with the levels of price-adjustment credits to be granted to distributors, the sales price to the distributor is not fixed or determinable until the distributor resells the products to their customers. Therefore, the Company defers revenue recognition from sales to distributors until the distributors have sold the products to their customers.

Title to the inventory transfers to the distributor at the time of shipment or delivery to the distributor, and payment from the distributor is due in accordance with the Company's standard payment terms. These payment terms are not contingent upon the distributors' sale of the products to their customers. Upon title transfer to distributors, inventory is reduced for the cost of goods shipped, the margin (sales less cost of sales) is recorded as "deferred income on shipments to distributors, net" and an account receivable is recorded. Shipping costs are charged to cost of sales as incurred.

The deferred costs of sales to distributors have historically had very little risk of impairment due to the margins the Company earns on sales of its products and the relatively long life-cycle of the Company's products. Product returns from distributors that are ultimately scrapped have historically been immaterial. In addition, price protection and price-adjustment credits granted to distributors historically have not exceeded the margins the Company earns on sales of its products. The Company continuously monitors the level and nature of product returns and is in frequent contact with the distributors to ensure reserves are established for all known material issues.

As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, the Company had gross deferred revenue of \$413.7 million and \$379.9 million, respectively, and gross deferred cost of sales of \$86.3 million and \$79.8 million, respectively.

The Company generally offers a twelve-month warranty for its products. The Company's warranty policy provides for replacement of defective products. Specific accruals are recorded for known product warranty issues. Product warranty expenses during each of the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 were not material.

Note 3 – Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation is measured at the grant date based on the grant-date fair value of the awards ultimately expected to vest, and is recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, which is generally five years for stock options and three years for restricted stock units. In addition to restricted stock units with a service condition, the Company grants restricted stock units with both a market condition and a service condition (market-based restricted stock units). The number of shares of the Company's common stock to be issued upon vesting of market-based restricted stock units will range from 0% to 200% of the target amount, based on the comparison of the Company's total shareholder return (TSR) to the median TSR of a specified peer group over a three-year period. TSR is a measure of stock price appreciation plus any dividends paid during the performance period. Determining the amount of stock-based compensation to be recorded for stock

options and market-based restricted stock units requires the Company to develop estimates to calculate the grant-date fair value of awards.

Modification of Awards — The Company has from time to time modified the vesting terms of its equity awards to employees and directors. The modifications made to the Company's equity awards in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 or fiscal 2015 did not result in significant incremental compensation costs, either individually or in the aggregate.

Grant-Date Fair Value — The Company uses the Black-Scholes valuation model to calculate the grant-date fair value of stock option awards and the Monte Carlo simulation model to calculate the grant-date fair value of market-based restricted stock units. The use of these valuation models requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions, such as expected volatility, expected term, risk-free interest rate, expected dividend yield and forfeiture rates. The grant-date fair value of restricted stock units with only a service condition represents the value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, reduced by the present value of dividends expected to be paid on the Company's common stock prior to vesting.

Information pertaining to the Company's stock option awards and the related estimated weighted-average assumptions to calculate the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes valuation model granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Stock Options				
Options granted (in thousands)	23	23	1,738	1,931
Weighted-average exercise price	\$56.20	\$63.39	\$54.92	\$57.18
Weighted-average grant-date fair value	\$10.86	\$11.52	\$12.77	\$10.35
Assumptions:				
Weighted-average expected volatility	29.1%	25.0 %	34.2 %	25.8 %
Weighted-average expected term (in years)	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.3
Weighted-average risk-free interest rate	1.2 %	1.6 %	1.4 %	1.6 %
Weighted-average expected dividend yield	3.0 %	2.5 %	3.1 %	2.8 %

The Company utilizes the Monte Carlo simulation valuation model to value market-based restricted stock units. The Monte Carlo simulation model utilizes multiple input variables that determine the probability of satisfying the performance conditions stipulated in the award grant and calculates the fair market value for the market-based restricted stock units granted. The Monte Carlo simulation model also uses stock price volatility and other variables to estimate the probability of satisfying the performance conditions, including the possibility that the market condition may not be satisfied, and the resulting fair value of the award. Information pertaining to the market-based restricted stock units and the related estimated assumptions used to calculate the fair value of the market-based restricted stock units granted during the nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 using the Monte Carlo simulation model are as follows:

	Nine Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Market-based Restricted Stock Units		
Units granted (in thousands)	102	75
Grant-date fair value	\$58.95	\$55.67
Assumptions:		
Historical stock price volatility	25.1 %	20.0 %
Risk-free interest rate	1.1 %	1.1 %
Expected dividend yield	3.0 %	2.8 %

The Company did not grant market-based restricted stock units during the three-month periods ended July 30, 2016 or August 1, 2015.

Expected volatility — The Company is responsible for estimating volatility and has considered a number of factors, including third-party estimates. The Company currently believes that the exclusive use of implied volatility results in the best estimate of the grant-date fair value of employee stock options because it reflects the market's current expectations of future volatility. In evaluating the appropriateness of exclusively relying on implied volatility, the Company concluded that: (1) options in the Company's common stock are actively traded with sufficient volume on several exchanges; (2) the market prices of both the traded options and the underlying shares are measured at a similar point in time to each other and on a date

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close to the grant date of the employee share options; (3) the traded options have exercise prices that are both near-the-money and close to the exercise price of the employee share options; and (4) the remaining maturities of the traded options used to estimate volatility are at least one year. The Company utilizes historical volatility as an input variable of the Monte Carlo simulation to estimate the grant date fair value of market-based restricted stock units. The market performance measure of these awards is based upon the interaction of multiple peer companies. Given the Company is required to use consistent statistical properties in the Monte Carlo simulation and implied volatility is not available across the population, historical volatility must be used.

Expected term — The Company uses historical employee exercise and option expiration data to estimate the expected term assumption for the Black-Scholes grant-date valuation. The Company believes that this historical data is currently the best estimate of the expected term of a new option, and that generally its employees exhibit similar exercise behavior.

Risk-free interest rate — The yield on zero-coupon U.S. Treasury securities for a period that is commensurate with the expected term assumption is used as the risk-free interest rate.

Expected dividend yield — Expected dividend yield is calculated by annualizing the cash dividend declared by the Company's Board of Directors for the current quarter and dividing that result by the closing stock price on the date of grant. Until such time as the Company's Board of Directors declares a cash dividend for an amount that is different from the current quarter's cash dividend, the current dividend will be used in deriving this assumption. Cash dividends are not paid on options, restricted stock or restricted stock units.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The amount of stock-based compensation expense recognized during a period is based on the value of the awards that are ultimately expected to vest. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. The term "forfeitures" is distinct from "cancellations" or "expirations" and represents only the unvested portion of the surrendered stock-based award. Based on an analysis of its historical forfeitures, the Company has applied an annual forfeiture rate of 4.7% to all unvested stock-based awards as of July 30, 2016. This analysis will be re-evaluated quarterly and the forfeiture rate will be adjusted as necessary. Ultimately, the actual expense recognized over the vesting period will only be for those options that vest.

Additional paid-in-capital (APIC) Pool

The APIC pool represents the excess tax benefits related to share-based compensation that are available to absorb future tax deficiencies. If the amount of future tax deficiencies is greater than the available APIC pool, the Company records the excess as income tax expense in its condensed consolidated statements of income. During the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the Company had a sufficient APIC pool to cover any tax deficiencies recorded and as a result, these deficiencies did not affect its results of operations.

Stock-Based Compensation Activity

A summary of the activity under the Company's stock option plans as of July 30, 2016 and changes during the three- and nine-month periods then ended is presented below:

Activity during the Three Months Ended July 30, 2016	Options Outstanding (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term in Years	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Options outstanding at April 30, 2016	12,972	\$43.49		
Options granted	23	\$56.20		
Options exercised	(496)	\$33.56		
Options forfeited	(52)	\$50.88		
Options expired	—	\$54.29		
Options outstanding at July 30, 2016	12,447	\$43.87	6.1	\$248,416
Options exercisable at July 30, 2016	7,176	\$37.49	4.6	\$189,050
Options vested or expected to vest at July 30, 2016 (1)	12,000	\$43.50	6.0	\$244,009

In addition to the vested options, the Company expects a portion of the unvested options to vest at some point in (1) the future. The number of options expected to vest is calculated by applying an estimated forfeiture rate to the unvested options.

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Activity during the Nine Months Ended July 30, 2016	Options Outstanding (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price Per Share
Options outstanding at October 31, 2015	12,181	\$41.60
Options granted	1,738	\$54.92
Options exercised	(1,137)	\$34.72
Options forfeited	(326)	\$49.89
Options expired	(9)	\$42.74
Options outstanding at July 30, 2016	12,447	\$43.87

During the three and nine months ended July 30, 2016, the total intrinsic value of options exercised (i.e., the difference between the market price at exercise and the price paid by the employee to exercise the options) was \$13.0 million and \$26.9 million, respectively, and the total amount of proceeds received by the Company from the exercise of these options was \$16.6 million and \$39.3 million, respectively.

During the three and nine months ended August 1, 2015, the total intrinsic value of options exercised (i.e., the difference between the market price at exercise and the price paid by the employee to exercise the options) was \$19.9 million and \$92.9 million, respectively, and the total amount of proceeds received by the Company from the exercise of these options was \$20.0 million and \$114.9 million, respectively.

A summary of the Company's restricted stock unit award activity as of July 30, 2016 and changes during the three- and nine-month periods then ended is presented below:

Activity during the Three Months Ended July 30, 2016	Restricted Stock Units Outstanding (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share
Restricted stock units outstanding at April 30, 2016	2,753	\$49.89
Units granted	20	\$51.53
Restrictions lapsed	(34)	\$43.49
Forfeited	(21)	\$49.83
Restricted stock units outstanding at July 30, 2016	2,718	\$49.98

Activity during the Nine Months Ended July 30, 2016	Restricted Stock Units Outstanding (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share
Restricted stock units outstanding at October 31, 2015	2,698	\$47.59
Units granted	997	\$51.41
Restrictions lapsed	(848)	\$44.12
Forfeited	(129)	\$49.26
Restricted stock units outstanding at July 30, 2016	2,718	\$49.98

As of July 30, 2016, there was \$125.8 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock-based awards comprised of stock options and restricted stock units. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years. The total grant-date fair value of shares that vested during the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 was approximately \$1.7 million and \$59.0 million, respectively. The total grant-date fair value of shares that vested during the three- and nine-month periods ended August 1, 2015 was approximately \$1.9 million and \$60.7 million, respectively.

Note 4 – Common Stock Repurchase

The Company's common stock repurchase program has been in place since August 2004. In the aggregate, the Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase \$6.2 billion of the Company's common stock under the

program. The Company may repurchase outstanding shares of its common stock from time to time in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Company's Board of Directors, the repurchase program will expire when the Company has repurchased all shares authorized under the program. As of July 30, 2016, the Company had

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repurchased a total of approximately 147.0 million shares of its common stock for approximately \$5.4 billion under this program. As of July 30, 2016, an additional \$792.5 million remains available for repurchase of shares under the current authorized program. The repurchased shares are held as authorized but unissued shares of common stock. The Company also, from time to time, repurchases shares in settlement of employee minimum tax withholding obligations due upon the vesting of restricted stock units. The withholding amount is based on the employee's minimum statutory withholding requirement. Any future common stock repurchases will be dependent upon several factors, including the Company's financial performance, outlook, liquidity and the amount of cash the Company has available in the United States. As a result of the Company's planned acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation (see Note 15, Acquisitions), the Company temporarily suspended the common stock repurchase plan in the third quarter of 2016.

Note 5 – Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table provides the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI) by component and the related tax effects during the first nine months of fiscal 2016.

	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities classified as short-term investments	Unrealized holding (losses) on available for sale securities classified as short-term investments	Unrealized holding gains (losses) on derivatives	Pension plans	Total
October 31, 2015	\$(18,057)	\$ 216	\$ (544)	\$(17,692)	\$(14,774)	\$(50,851)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(2,923)	139	133	(109)	869	(1,891)
Amounts reclassified out of other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	3,631	523	4,154
Tax effects	—	(24)	(25)	(767)	(152)	(968)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,923)	115	108	2,755	1,240	1,295
July 30, 2016	\$(20,980)	\$ 331	\$ (436)	\$(14,937)	\$(13,534)	\$(49,556)

The amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) with presentation location during each period were as follows:

Comprehensive Income Component	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Location
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	
Unrealized holding losses (gains) on derivatives					
Currency forwards	\$46	\$2,384	\$1,672	\$7,726	Cost of sales
	93	1,350	783	4,586	Research and development
	(577)	2,153	(231)	7,446	Selling, marketing, general and administrative
	—	—	—	(1,466)	(a)
Treasury rate lock	(274)	(274)	(822)	(822)	Interest expense
Swap rate lock	836	—	2,229	—	Interest expense
	124	5,613	3,631	17,470	Total before tax
	(141)	(444)	(807)	(1,842)	Tax
	\$(17)	\$5,169	\$2,824	\$15,628	Net of tax
Amortization of pension components					
Transition obligation	\$4	\$5	\$12	\$15	(b)
Prior service credit	—	(61)	—	(185)	(b)
Actuarial losses	168	1,899	511	5,761	(b)
	172	1,843	523	5,591	Total before tax
	(50)	(275)	(152)	(838)	Tax
	\$122	\$1,568	\$371	\$4,753	Net of tax
Total amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$105	\$6,737	\$3,195	\$20,381	

a) The gain related to a fixed asset purchase was reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to fixed assets which will depreciate into earnings over its expected useful life.

b) The amortization of pension components is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost. For further information see Note 13, Retirement Plans, contained in Item 8 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

The Company estimates \$0.2 million of forward foreign currency derivative instruments included in OCI will be reclassified into earnings within the next twelve months. There was no ineffectiveness related to designated forward foreign currency derivative instruments in the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015. Gross unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities classified as short-term investments at July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 are as follows:

	July 30, October 31,	
	2016	2015
Unrealized gains on securities classified as short-term investments	\$ 372	\$ 233
Unrealized losses on securities classified as short-term investments	(451)	(584)
Net unrealized losses on securities classified as short-term investments	\$(79)	\$(351)

As of July 30, 2016, the Company held 92 investment securities, 32 of which were in an unrealized loss position with gross unrealized losses of \$0.5 million and an aggregate fair value of \$1.2 billion. As of October 31, 2015, the

Company held 76 investment securities, 23 of which were in an unrealized loss position with gross unrealized losses of \$0.6 million and an aggregate fair value of \$823.4 million. These unrealized losses were primarily related to corporate obligations that earn lower

interest rates than current market rates. None of these investments have been in a loss position for more than twelve months. As the Company does not intend to sell these investments and it is unlikely that the Company will be required to sell the investments before recovery of their amortized basis, which will be at maturity, the Company does not consider those investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015. Realized gains or losses on investments are determined based on the specific identification basis and are recognized in nonoperating expense (income). There were no material net realized gains or losses from the sales of available-for-sale investments during any of the fiscal periods presented.

Note 6 – Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed based only on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of potential future issuances of common stock relating to stock option programs and other potentially dilutive securities using the treasury stock method. In calculating diluted earnings per share, the dilutive effect of stock options is computed using the average market price for the respective period. In addition, the assumed proceeds under the treasury stock method include the average unrecognized compensation expense of stock options that are in-the-money and restricted stock units. This results in the “assumed” buyback of additional shares, thereby reducing the dilutive impact of in-the-money stock options. Potential shares related to certain of the Company’s outstanding stock options were excluded because they were anti-dilutive. Those potential shares, determined based on the weighted average exercise prices during the respective periods, related to the Company’s outstanding stock options could be dilutive in the future.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Net Income	\$230,430	\$216,478	\$565,507	\$600,573
Basic shares:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding	307,135	313,877	309,030	312,604
Earnings per share basic:	\$0.75	\$0.69	\$1.83	\$1.92
Diluted shares:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding	307,135	313,877	309,030	312,604
Assumed exercise of common stock equivalents	3,423	4,310	3,504	4,369
Weighted-average common and common equivalent shares	310,558	318,187	312,534	316,973
Earnings per share diluted:	\$0.74	\$0.68	\$1.81	\$1.89
Anti-dilutive shares related to:				
Outstanding stock options	3,498	1,772	3,409	1,952

Note 7 – Special Charges

The Company monitors global macroeconomic conditions on an ongoing basis and continues to assess opportunities for improved operational effectiveness and efficiency, as well as a better alignment of expenses with revenues. As a result of these assessments, the Company has undertaken various restructuring actions over the past several years. These actions are described below.

The following tables display the special charges taken for ongoing actions in fiscal 2016 and a roll-forward from October 31, 2015 to July 30, 2016 of the employee separation and exit cost accruals established related to these actions.

Reduction
of
Operating
Costs

	Action
Statements of Income	Fiscal
	2016
Workforce reductions	\$ 13,684
Total Special Charges	\$ 13,684

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Accrued Restructuring	Reduction of Operating Costs Action
Balance at October 31, 2015	\$ 5,877
Severance payments	(1,984)
Effect of foreign currency on accrual	1
Balance at January 30, 2016	\$ 3,894
Second quarter 2016 special charge	13,684
Severance payments	(2,177)
Effect of foreign currency on accrual	8
Balance at April 30, 2016	\$ 15,409
Severance payments	(1,541)
Effect of foreign currency on accrual	(6)
Balance at July 30, 2016	\$ 13,862

Reduction of Operating Costs Action

During the fiscal year ended November 1, 2014 (fiscal 2014), the Company recorded special charges of approximately \$37.3 million. These special charges included \$37.9 million for severance and fringe benefit costs in accordance with the Company's ongoing benefit plan or statutory requirements at foreign locations for 341 manufacturing, engineering and selling, marketing, general and administrative (SMG&A) employees; \$0.5 million for lease obligation costs for facilities that the Company ceased using during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014; and \$0.4 million for the impairment of assets that have no future use located at closed facilities. The Company reversed approximately \$1.4 million of its severance accrual related to charges taken in the fiscal year ended November 2, 2013 (fiscal 2013) primarily due to severance costs being lower than the Company's estimates. The Company terminated the employment of all employees associated with this action.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company recorded special charges of approximately \$13.7 million for severance and fringe benefit costs in accordance with the Company's ongoing benefit plan for 123 manufacturing, engineering and SMG&A employees. As of July 30, 2016, the Company still employed 90 of the 123 employees included in these cost reduction actions. These employees must continue to be employed by the Company until their employment is involuntarily terminated in order to receive the severance benefit.

Note 8 – Segment Information

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company implemented an organizational change designed to accelerate the Company's capability as a solutions provider to the rapidly evolving market for applications referred to as the Internet of Things. As a result of this organizational change, the Company re-evaluated its reporting structure and concluded that the Company continues to operate in one reportable segment based on the aggregation of seven operating segments. The Company designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of integrated circuits (ICs). The Chief Executive Officer has been identified as the Company's Chief Operating Decision Maker. The Company has determined that all of the Company's operating segments share the following similar economic characteristics, and therefore meet the criteria established for operating segments to be aggregated into one reportable segment, namely:

- The primary source of revenue for each operating segment is the sale of ICs.
- The ICs sold by each of the Company's operating segments are manufactured using similar semiconductor manufacturing processes and raw materials in either the Company's own production facilities or by third-party wafer fabricators using proprietary processes.
- The Company sells its products to tens of thousands of customers worldwide. Many of these customers use products spanning all operating segments in a wide range of applications.

•The ICs marketed by each of the Company's operating segments are sold globally through a direct sales force, third-party distributors, independent sales representatives and via the Company's website to the same types of customers.

All of the Company's operating segments share a similar long-term financial model as they have similar economic characteristics. The causes for variation in operating and financial performance are the same among the Company's operating segments and include factors such as (i) life cycle and price and cost fluctuations, (ii) number of competitors, (iii) product differentiation and (iv) size of market opportunity. Additionally, each operating segment is subject to the overall cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry. Lastly, the number and composition of employees and the amounts and types of tools and materials required for production of products are similar for each operating segment.

Revenue Trends by End Market

The following table summarizes revenue by end market. The categorization of revenue by end market is determined using a variety of data points including the technical characteristics of the product, the “sold to” customer information, the “ship to” customer information and the end customer product or application into which the Company’s product will be incorporated. As data systems for capturing and tracking this data evolve and improve, the categorization of products by end market can vary over time. When this occurs, the Company reclassifies revenue by end market for prior periods. Such reclassifications typically do not materially change the sizing of, or the underlying trends of results within, each end market.

	Three Months Ended July 30, 2016			August 1, 2015		
	Revenue	% of Revenue*	Y/Y%	Revenue	% of Revenue	
Industrial	\$374,735	43 %	(3)%	\$384,473	45 %	
Automotive	134,617	15 %	3 %	130,228	15 %	
Consumer	186,101	21 %	(10)%	206,656	24 %	
Communications	174,138	20 %	23 %	142,008	16 %	
Total revenue	\$869,591	100 %	1 %	\$863,365	100 %	

* The sum of the individual percentages does not equal the total due to rounding.

	Nine Months Ended July 30, 2016			August 1, 2015		
	Revenue	% of Revenue	Y/Y%	Revenue	% of Revenue	
Industrial	\$1,107,853	46 %	(2)%	\$1,128,116	46 %	
Automotive	399,129	17 %	1 %	393,696	16 %	
Consumer	393,518	16 %	(5)%	412,102	17 %	
Communications	517,286	21 %	(1)%	522,456	21 %	
Total revenue	\$2,417,786	100 %	(2)%	\$2,456,370	100 %	

Revenue Trends by Geographic Region

Revenue by geographic region, based on the primary location of the Company's customers' design activity for its products, for the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 were as follows:

Region	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
United States	\$334,455	\$359,682	\$846,407	\$870,522
Rest of North and South America	22,677	20,186	64,812	65,546
Europe	232,324	221,270	694,200	711,253
Japan	73,753	80,489	213,938	245,395
China	146,069	126,188	425,732	383,356
Rest of Asia	60,313	55,550	172,697	180,298
Total revenue	\$869,591	\$863,365	\$2,417,786	\$2,456,370

In the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the predominant country comprising “Rest of North and South America” is Canada; the predominant countries comprising “Europe” are Germany, Sweden, France and the United Kingdom; and the predominant countries comprising “Rest of Asia” are South Korea and Taiwan.

Note 9 – Fair Value

The Company defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company applies the following fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the

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hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

Level 1 — Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 — Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 — Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The tables below, set forth by level, presents the Company's financial assets and liabilities, excluding accrued interest components that are accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015. The tables exclude cash on hand and assets and liabilities that are measured at historical cost or any basis other than fair value. As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, the Company held \$58.8 million and \$76.4 million, respectively, of cash and held-to-maturity investments that were excluded from the tables below.

	July 30, 2016			
	Fair Value measurement at Reporting Date using:			
	Quoted			
	Prices in	Significant	Significant	
	Active	Other	Other	
	Markets	Observable	Unobservable	Total
	for	Inputs	Inputs	
	Identical	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
	Assets			
	(Level 1)			
Assets				
Cash equivalents:				
Available-for-sale:				
Institutional money market funds	\$224,363	\$—	\$ —	\$224,363
Corporate obligations (1)	—	820,481	—	820,481
Short-term investments:				
Available-for-sale:				
Securities with one year or less to maturity:				
Corporate obligations (1)	—	2,192,194	—	2,192,194
Floating rate notes, issued at par	—	30,003	—	30,003
Floating rate notes (1)	—	477,567	—	477,567
Other assets:				
Deferred compensation investments	26,892	—	—	26,892
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts (2)	—	633	—	633
Total assets measured at fair value	\$251,255	\$3,520,878	\$ —	\$3,772,133
Liabilities				
Contingent consideration	—	—	4,093	4,093
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$—	\$—	\$ 4,093	\$4,093

(1) The amortized cost of the Company's investments classified as available-for-sale as of July 30, 2016 was \$3.3 billion.

(2) The Company has a master netting arrangement by counterparty with respect to derivative contracts. See Note 10, Derivatives, for more information related to the Company's master netting arrangements.

	October 31, 2015			
	Fair Value measurement at Reporting Date using:			
	Quoted			
	Prices in	Significant	Significant	
	Active	Other	Other	Total
	Markets	Observable	Unobservable	
	for	Inputs	Inputs	
	Identical	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	
	Assets			
	(Level 1)			
Assets				
Cash equivalents:				
Available-for-sale:				
Institutional money market funds	\$198,853	\$—	\$ —	\$198,853
Corporate obligations (1)	—	609,082	—	609,082
Short-term investments:				
Available-for-sale:				
Securities with one year or less to maturity:				
Corporate obligations (1)	—	1,899,374	—	1,899,374
Floating rate notes, issued at par	—	99,648	—	99,648
Floating rate notes (1)	—	145,553	—	145,553
Other assets:				
Deferred compensation investments	24,124	—	—	24,124
Total assets measured at fair value	\$222,977	\$2,753,657	\$ —	\$2,976,634
Liabilities				
Contingent consideration	—	—	2,843	2,843
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts (2)	—	3,083	—	3,083
Interest rate swap agreements	—	32,737	—	32,737
Total liabilities measured at fair value	\$—	\$35,820	\$ 2,843	\$38,663

(1) The amortized cost of the Company's investments classified as available-for-sale as of October 31, 2015 was \$2.6 billion.

(2) The Company has a master netting arrangement by counterparty with respect to derivative contracts. See Note 10, Derivatives, for more information related to the Company's master netting arrangements.

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

Cash equivalents and short-term investments — These investments are adjusted to fair value based on quoted market prices or are determined using a yield curve model based on current market rates.

Deferred compensation plan investments — The fair value of these mutual fund, money market fund and equity investments are based on quoted market prices.

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts — The estimated fair value of forward foreign currency exchange contracts, which includes derivatives that are accounted for as cash flow hedges and those that are not designated as cash flow hedges, is based on the estimated amount the Company would receive if it sold these agreements at the reporting date taking into consideration current interest rates as well as the creditworthiness of the counterparty for assets and the Company's creditworthiness for liabilities. The fair value of these instruments is based upon valuation models using current market information such as strike price, spot rate, maturity date and volatility.

Interest rate swap agreements — The fair value of interest rate swap agreements is based on the quoted market price for the same or similar financial instruments.

Contingent consideration — The fair value of the contingent consideration was estimated utilizing the income approach and is based upon significant inputs not observable in the market. The income approach is based on two steps. The first step involves a projection of the cash flows that is based on the Company's estimates of the timing and probability of achieving the defined milestones. The second step involves converting the cash flows into a present value equivalent through discounting. The discount rate reflects the Baa costs of debt plus the relevant risk associated with the asset and the time value of money.

The fair value measurement of the contingent consideration encompasses the following significant unobservable inputs:

Unobservable Inputs	Range
Estimated contingent consideration payments	\$4,500
Discount rate	0% - 10%
Timing of cash flows	1 - 3 years
Probability of achievement	100%

Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognized in operating income in the period of the estimated fair value change. Significant increases or decreases in any of the inputs in isolation may result in a fluctuation in the fair value measurement.

The following table summarizes the change in the fair value of the contingent consideration measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) from October 31, 2015 to July 30, 2016:

	Contingent Consideration
Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$ 2,843
Contingent consideration liability recorded (1)	1,500
Fair value adjustment (2)	(46)
Effect of foreign currency	(204)
Balance as of July 30, 2016	\$ 4,093

(1) Represents contingent consideration related to acquisitions that were not material to the Company on either an individual or aggregate basis.

(2) Recorded in research and development expense in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

Financial Instruments Not Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

On April 4, 2011, the Company issued \$375.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.0% senior unsecured notes due April 15, 2016 (the 2016 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2011. In December 2015, the Company redeemed the 2016 Notes. The fair value of the 2016 Notes as of October 31, 2015 was \$378.6 million, and was classified as a Level 1 measurement according to the fair value hierarchy.

On June 3, 2013, the Company issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.875% senior unsecured notes due June 1, 2023 (the 2023 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2013. The fair value of the 2023 Notes as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 was \$500.5 million and \$480.9 million, respectively, and is classified as a Level 1 measurement according to the fair value hierarchy.

On December 14, 2015, the Company issued \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2016. The fair value of the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes as of July 30, 2016 was \$904.4 million and \$437.9 million, respectively, and are classified as a Level 1 measurements according to the fair value hierarchy.

Note 10 – Derivatives

Foreign Exchange Exposure Management — The Company enters into forward foreign currency exchange contracts to offset certain operational and balance sheet exposures from the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Such exposures result from the portion of the Company's operations, assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, primarily the Euro; other significant exposures include the Philippine Peso, the Japanese Yen and the British Pound. These foreign currency exchange contracts are entered into to support transactions made in the normal course of business, and accordingly, are not speculative in nature. The contracts are for periods consistent with the terms of the underlying transactions, generally one year or less. Hedges related to anticipated transactions are designated and documented at

the inception of the respective hedges as cash flow hedges and are evaluated for effectiveness monthly. Derivative instruments are employed to eliminate or minimize certain foreign currency exposures that can be confidently identified and quantified. As the terms of the contract and the underlying transaction are matched at inception, forward contract effectiveness is calculated by comparing the change in fair value of the contract to the change in the forward value of the anticipated transaction, with the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative reported as a component of accumulated OCI in shareholders' equity and reclassified into earnings in the same period during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Any residual change in fair value of the instruments, or ineffectiveness, is recognized immediately in other (income) expense.

The total notional amounts of forward foreign currency derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments of cash flow hedges denominated in Euros, British Pounds, Philippine Pesos and Japanese Yen as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 was \$181.3 million and \$163.9 million, respectively. The fair values of forward foreign currency derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 were as follows:

Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value At	
	July 30, 2016	October 31, 2015
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	\$662	\$—
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		
Accrued liabilities	\$—	\$3,091

Additionally, the Company enters into forward foreign currency contracts that economically hedge the gains and losses generated by the re-measurement of certain recorded assets and liabilities in a non-functional currency. Changes in the fair value of these undesignated hedges are recognized in other (income) expense immediately as an offset to the changes in the fair value of the asset or liability being hedged. As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, the total notional amount of these undesignated hedges was \$37.2 million and \$57.9 million, respectively. The fair value of these undesignated hedges in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 was immaterial.

All of the Company's derivative financial instruments are subject to master netting arrangements that allow the Company and its counterparties to net settle amounts owed to each other. Derivative assets and liabilities that can be net settled under these arrangements have been presented in the Company's consolidated balance sheet on a net basis. As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, none of the master netting arrangements involved collateral. The following table presents the gross amounts of the Company's derivative assets and liabilities and the net amounts recorded in the Company's consolidated balance sheet:

	July 30, 2016	October 31, 2015
Gross amount of recognized assets (liabilities)	\$2,704	\$(3,896)
Gross amounts of recognized (liabilities) assets offset in the consolidated balance sheet	(2,071)	813
Net assets (liabilities) presented in the consolidated balance sheet	\$633	\$(3,083)

Interest Rate Exposure Management — The Company's current and future debt may be subject to interest rate risk. The Company utilizes interest rate derivatives to alter interest rate exposure in an attempt to reduce the effects of these changes.

On October 28, 2014, the Company entered into forward starting interest rate swap transactions to hedge its exposure to the variability in future cash flows due to changes in interest rates for the first \$500 million of debt issuances expected to occur in the future. On December 1, 2015, these forward starting swaps were terminated resulting in a loss of \$33.4 million. Subsequently on December 14, 2015, the Company issued the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes. The loss was recorded in OCI and will be reclassified out of OCI to interest expense on a straight line basis over the 10-year term of the 2025 Notes.

On April 24, 2013, the Company entered into a treasury rate lock agreement with Bank of America. This agreement allowed the Company to lock a 10-year US Treasury rate of 1.7845% through June 14, 2013 for its anticipated issuance of the 2023 Notes. The Company designated this agreement as a cash flow hedge. On June 3, 2013, the

Company terminated the treasury rate lock simultaneously with the issuance of the 2023 Notes which resulted in a gain of approximately \$11.0 million. This gain is being amortized into interest expense over the 10-year term of the 2023 Notes.

The market risk associated with the Company's derivative instruments results from currency exchange rate or interest rate movements that are expected to offset the market risk of the underlying transactions, assets and liabilities being hedged. The counterparties to the agreements relating to the Company's derivative instruments consist of a number of major international financial institutions with high credit ratings. Based on the credit ratings of the Company's counterparties as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, nonperformance is not perceived to be a significant risk. Furthermore, none of the Company's derivatives are subject to collateral or other security arrangements and none contain provisions that are dependent on the Company's credit ratings from any credit rating agency. While the contract or notional amounts of derivative financial

instruments provide one measure of the volume of these transactions, they do not represent the amount of the Company's exposure to credit risk. The amounts potentially subject to credit risk (arising from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts) are generally limited to the amounts, if any, by which the counterparties' obligations under the contracts exceed the obligations of the Company to the counterparties. As a result of the above considerations, the Company does not consider the risk of counterparty default to be significant.

The Company records the fair value of its derivative financial instruments in its condensed consolidated financial statements in other current assets, other assets or accrued liabilities, depending on their net position, regardless of the purpose or intent for holding the derivative contract. Changes in the fair value of the derivative financial instruments are either recognized periodically in earnings or in shareholders' equity as a component of OCI. Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges are recorded in OCI and reclassified into earnings when the underlying contract matures. Changes in the fair values of derivatives not qualifying for hedge accounting or the ineffective portion of designated hedges are reported in earnings as they occur.

For information on the unrealized holding gains (losses) on derivatives included in and reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income into the condensed consolidated statement of income related to forward foreign currency exchange contracts, see Note 5, Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Note 11 – Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment annually, as well as whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying value of goodwill may not be recoverable. The Company tests goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level (operating segment or one level below an operating segment) on an annual basis on the first day of the fourth quarter (on or about August 1) or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company implemented organizational changes designed to accelerate the Company's capability as a solutions provider to the rapidly evolving market for applications referred to as the Internet of Things. The Company performed an impairment analysis immediately prior to and subsequent to the reorganization and evaluated goodwill for impairment as of the date of reorganization. The Company identified its reporting units to be its seven operating segments. The performance of the test involves a two-step process. The first step of the impairment test involves comparing the fair values of the applicable reporting units with their aggregate carrying values, including goodwill. The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using the income approach methodology of valuation that includes the discounted cash flow method. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds the reporting unit's fair value, the Company performs the second step of the goodwill impairment test to determine the amount of impairment loss. The second step of the goodwill impairment test involves comparing the implied fair value of the affected reporting unit's goodwill with the carrying value of that goodwill. There was no impairment of goodwill in any period presented. The Company's next annual impairment assessment will be performed as of the first day of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016 unless indicators arise that would require the Company to re-evaluate at an earlier date. The following table presents the changes in goodwill during the first nine months of fiscal 2016:

	Nine Months Ended July 30, 2016
Balance as of October 31, 2015	\$1,636,526
Goodwill adjustment related to acquisitions (1)	2,396
Foreign currency translation adjustment	111
Balance as of July 30, 2016	\$1,639,033

(1) Represents goodwill related to acquisitions that were not material to the Company on either an individual or aggregate basis.

Intangible Assets

The Company reviews finite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability of these assets is determined by comparison of their carrying value to future undiscounted cash flows the assets are expected to generate over their remaining economic lives. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized in earnings equals the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds their fair value determined by either a quoted market price, if any, or a value determined by utilizing a discounted cash flow technique.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment on an annual basis on the first day of the fourth quarter (on or about August 1) or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. The impairment test involves a qualitative assessment on

the indefinite-lived intangible assets to determine whether it is more likely-than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. If it is determined that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than the carrying value, the Company would recognize into earnings the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the fair value. No impairment of intangible assets resulted from the impairment tests in any of the fiscal periods presented. Definite-lived intangible assets, are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives or on an accelerated method of amortization that is expected to reflect the estimated pattern of economic use. IPR&D assets are considered indefinite-lived intangible assets until completion or abandonment of the associated research and development (R&D) efforts. Upon completion of the projects, the IPR&D assets will be amortized over their estimated useful lives.

As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, the Company's intangible assets consisted of the following:

	July 30, 2016		October 31, 2015	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Customer relationships	\$625,976	\$ 141,138	\$624,900	\$ 88,913
Technology-based	15,848	7,743	15,100	4,834
IPR&D	36,660	568	37,264	—
Total (1)	\$678,484	\$ 149,449	\$677,264	\$ 93,747

(1) Foreign intangible asset carrying amounts are affected by foreign currency translation.

Intangible assets, along with the related accumulated amortization, are removed from the table above at the end of the fiscal year they become fully amortized.

For the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016, amortization expense related to finite-lived intangible assets was \$18.9 million and \$55.7 million, respectively. For the three- and nine-month periods ended August 1, 2015, amortization expense related to finite-lived intangible assets was \$23.9 million and \$73.8 million, respectively. The remaining amortization expense will be recognized over an estimated weighted average life of approximately 3.6 years.

The Company expects annual amortization expense for intangible assets to be:

Fiscal Year	Amortization Expense
Remainder of fiscal 2016	\$18,914
2017	\$75,654
2018	\$74,595
2019	\$71,646
2020	\$71,407

Note 12 – Pension Plans

The Company has various defined benefit pension and other retirement plans for certain non-U.S. employees that are consistent with local statutory requirements and practices. The Company's funding policy for its foreign defined benefit pension plans is consistent with the local requirements of each country. The plans' assets consist primarily of U.S. and non-U.S. equity securities, bonds, property and cash.

Net periodic pension cost of non-U.S. plans is presented in the following table:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Service cost	\$1,390	\$ 4,095	\$4,163	\$12,975
Interest cost	921	3,046	2,792	9,636
Expected return on plan assets	(940)	(3,553)	(2,880)	(11,222)
Amortization of initial net obligation	4	5	12	15

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Amortization of prior service cost	—	(61)	—	(185)
Amortization of net loss	168	1,899	511	5,761		
Net periodic pension cost	\$1,543	\$ 5,431	\$4,598	\$16,980		

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Note 13 – Debt

On April 4, 2011, the Company issued \$375.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.0% senior unsecured notes due April 15, 2016 (the 2016 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2011. The sale of the 2016 Notes was made pursuant to the terms of an underwriting agreement, dated March 30, 2011, between the Company and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Incorporated, as representative of the several underwriters named therein. The net proceeds of the offering were \$370.5 million, after issuing at a discount and deducting expenses, underwriting discounts and commissions, which will be amortized over the term of the 2016 Notes. On December 18, 2015, the Company redeemed the 2016 Notes. The redemption price was 100.79% of the principal amount for the 2016 Notes. In accordance with the applicable guidance, the Company concluded that the debt transaction qualified as a debt extinguishment and recognized a net loss of approximately \$3.3 million recorded in the condensed consolidated statement of income in other, net, within non-operating (income) expense. This loss was comprised of the make-whole premium of \$3.0 million paid to holders of the 2016 Notes in accordance with the terms of the notes and approximately \$0.3 million of debt issuance and discount costs that remained to be amortized. The write-off of the debt issuance costs and discount are reflected in the Company's consolidated statement of cash flows within operating activities and the make-whole premium is reflected within financing activities.

On June 3, 2013, the Company issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.875% senior unsecured notes due June 1, 2023 (the 2023 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2013. The sale of the 2023 Notes was made pursuant to the terms of an underwriting agreement, dated as of May 22, 2013, among the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as the representatives of the several underwriters named therein. The net proceeds of the offering were \$493.9 million, after discount and issuance costs. Debt discount and issuance costs will be amortized through interest expense over the term of the 2023 Notes. The indenture governing the 2023 Notes contains covenants that may limit the Company's ability to: incur, create, assume or guarantee any debt for borrowed money secured by a lien upon a principal property; enter into sale and lease-back transactions with respect to a principal property; and consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets to, any other party. As of July 30, 2016, the Company was compliant with these covenants. The 2023 Notes are subordinated to any future secured debt and to the other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

On December 14, 2015, the Company issued \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2016. The sale of the 2025 and 2045 Notes was made pursuant to the terms of an underwriting agreement, dated as of December 3, 2015 among the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as the representatives of the several underwriters named therein. The net proceeds of the offering were \$1.2 billion, after discount and issuance costs. Debt discount and issuance costs will be amortized through interest expense over the term of the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes. The indenture governing the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes contains covenants that may limit the Company's ability to: incur, create, assume or guarantee any debt for borrowed money secured by a lien upon a principal property; enter into sale and lease-back transactions with respect to a principal property; and consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets to, any other party. As of July 30, 2016, the Company was compliant with these covenants. The 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes are subordinated to any future secured debt and to the other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

On July 26, 2016, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Linear. In connection with the proposed acquisition, the Company announced that it obtained bridge financing commitments and expects to issue both short- and long- term loans and bonds totaling approximately \$11.6 billion in the aggregate, to finance the proposed acquisition. The Company also expects to increase its existing revolving credit facility to \$1.0 billion as well as modify the related consolidated leverage ratio covenant. With respect to the financing arrangements, the Company

will incur certain commitment fees during 2016 and 2017 in advance of closing of the proposed acquisition. The bridge financing commitments expire on April 26, 2017, and may be extended until October 26, 2017 under certain conditions. The Company expects to incur fees for the bridge financing commitments of approximately \$37.8 million, of which \$28.7 million was recorded as debt issuance costs in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and will be amortized into interest expense over the term of the bridge financing commitments. In addition, the Company expects to incur approximately \$5.1 million in customary fees, including ticking fees, related to the future financing arrangements as well as its revolving credit facility, of which approximately \$0.7 million was recorded as debt issuance costs in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and will be amortized into interest expense over the term of the associated financing arrangements. Additional fees will be incurred when the bridge financing commitments are drawn and in connection with the permanent financing.

The Company's debt consisted of the following as of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015:

	July 30, 2016		October 31, 2015	
	Principal	Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs	Principal	Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs
2016 Notes	\$—	\$ —	\$375,000	\$ 406
2023 Notes	500,000	4,199	500,000	4,659
2025 Notes	850,000	8,253	—	—
2045 Notes	400,000	5,790	—	—
Total	\$1,750,000	\$ 18,242	\$875,000	\$ 5,065
Debt, current	\$—	\$ —	\$375,000	\$ 406
Long-term debt	\$1,750,000	\$ 18,242	\$500,000	\$ 4,659

Note 14 – Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market. The valuation of inventory requires the Company to estimate obsolete or excess inventory as well as inventory that is not of saleable quality. The Company employs a variety of methodologies to determine the net realizable value of its inventory. While a portion of the calculation to record inventory at its net realizable value is based on the age of the inventory and lower of cost or market calculations, a key factor in estimating obsolete or excess inventory requires the Company to estimate the future demand for its products. If actual demand is less than the Company's estimates, impairment charges, which are recorded to cost of sales, may need to be recorded in future periods. Inventory in excess of saleable amounts is not valued, and the remaining inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market.

Inventories at July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015 were as follows:

	July 30, 2016	October 31, 2015
Raw materials	\$18,495	\$ 21,825
Work in process	256,006	261,520
Finished goods	117,802	128,969
Total inventories	\$392,303	\$ 412,314

Note 15 – Acquisitions

Proposed acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation

On July 26, 2016, the Company entered into the Merger Agreement to acquire Linear. Under the terms of the agreement, Linear stockholders will receive, for each outstanding share of Linear common stock, \$46.00 in cash and 0.2321 of a share of the Company's common stock at the closing. Based on the number of outstanding shares of Linear common stock as of July 26, 2016 and the Company's 5-day volume weighted average price as of July 21, 2016, the value of the total consideration to be paid by the Company is estimated to be approximately \$14.8 billion, to be funded with the issuance of approximately 58.0 million new shares of the Company's common stock and approximately \$11.6 billion of new short- and long-term loans and bonds.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including antitrust regulatory clearances and approval by Linear stockholders. The Merger Agreement includes termination rights for both the Company and Linear. Under certain circumstances, including if the proposed merger is terminated due to a failure to obtain the required regulatory clearances, the Company may be required to pay Linear a termination fee of \$700.0 million. In addition, Linear may be required to pay the Company a termination fee of \$490.0 million under certain circumstances, including if Linear terminates the Merger Agreement to accept a superior proposal.

In connection with the planned acquisition, Analog has obtained bridge financing commitments (see Note 13, Debt). These sources of financing together with the issuance of the new shares of the Company's common stock are expected

to be sufficient to finance the acquisition. As a result of the planned acquisition, the Company has temporarily suspended its share repurchase program (see Note 4, Common Stock Repurchase). As of the third quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company has incurred

\$8.3 million of transaction-related costs recorded within Selling, Marketing, General and Administrative expenses in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income.

Note 16 – Income Taxes

The Company has provided for potential tax liabilities due in the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates. Judgment is required in determining the worldwide income tax expense provision. In the ordinary course of global business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax outcome is uncertain. Some of these uncertainties arise as a consequence of cost reimbursement arrangements among related entities. Although the Company believes its estimates are reasonable, no assurance can be given that the final tax outcome of these matters will not be different from that which is reflected in the historical income tax provisions and accruals. Such differences could have a material impact on the Company's income tax provision and operating results in the period in which such determination is made.

The Company's effective tax rate reflects the applicable tax rate in effect in the various tax jurisdictions around the world where the Company's income is earned. The Company's effective tax rate for all periods presented is lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35%, primarily due to lower statutory tax rates applicable to the Company's operations in jurisdictions in which the Company earns a portion of its income.

The Company has filed a petition with the U.S. Tax Court for one open matter for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 that pertains to Section 965 of the Internal Revenue Code related to the beneficial tax treatment of dividends paid from foreign owned companies under The American Jobs Creation Act. The Company recorded a \$36.5 million reserve for this potential liability in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013.

All of the Company's U.S. federal tax returns prior to fiscal year 2013 are no longer subject to examination.

All of the Company's Ireland tax returns prior to fiscal year 2012 are no longer subject to examination.

Note 17 – New Accounting Pronouncements

Standards Implemented

Interest - Imputation of Interest

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (ASU 2015-03), which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements-Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to Staff Announcement at June 18, 2015 EITF Meeting (ASU 2015-15). ASU 2015-15 provides additional guidance to ASU 2015-03, which did not address presentation or subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs associated with line-of-credit-arrangements. ASU 2015-15 noted that the staff would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit-arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of credit arrangement. The Company elected to early adopt these updates as of January 30, 2016 and debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability are presented in the consolidated balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. Debt issuance costs related to the Company's revolving credit facility continue to be presented as an asset and are being amortized ratably over the term of the revolving credit facility. The update was adopted because management believes it provides a more meaningful presentation of its financial position. This change in accounting principle has been applied on a retrospective basis and the consolidated balance sheet as of October 31, 2015 has been adjusted to reflect the period specific effects of applying the new guidance. The retrospective application of this change in accounting principle on the consolidated balance sheet as of October 31, 2015 reclassified debt issuance costs of \$3.4 million which were previously presented as a long-term asset within other assets, as a reduction to the carrying value of the senior notes by the same amount. The adoption did not have an impact on the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations in any period.

Income Taxes

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes (ASU 2015-17), which simplifies the presentation of deferred income taxes and requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. The guidance in ASU 2015-17 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company elected to early adopt this update as of January 30, 2016 on a prospective basis. The adoption of ASU 2015-17 resulted in a reclassification of the Company's current deferred tax asset to the non-current deferred income taxes in the Company's

condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 30, 2016. The adoption did not have an impact on the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations in any period. No prior periods were retrospectively adjusted.

Discontinued Operations

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity (ASU 2014-08), which raises the threshold for disposals to qualify as discontinued operations. Under the new guidance, a disposal representing a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's financial results or a business activity classified as held for sale, should be reported as discontinued operations. ASU 2014-08 also expands the disclosure requirements for discontinued operations and adds new disclosures for individually significant dispositions that do not qualify as discontinued operations. ASU 2014-08 is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and interim reporting periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2014, which is the Company's first quarter of fiscal year 2016. As of July 30, 2016, there have been no disposals or classifications as held for sale that would be subject to ASU 2014-08.

Standards to be Implemented

Equity Method Investments

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-07, Investments - Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting (ASU 2016-07). ASU 2016-07 eliminates the requirement that when an investment, initially accounted for under a method other than the equity method of accounting, subsequently qualifies for use of the equity method, an investor must retrospectively apply the equity method in prior periods in which it held the investment. This requires an investor to determine the fair value of the investee's underlying assets and liabilities retrospectively at each investment date and revise all prior periods as if the equity method had always been applied. The new guidance requires the investor to apply the equity method prospectively from the date the investment qualifies for the equity method. The investor will add the carrying value of the existing investment to the cost of the additional investment to determine the initial cost basis of the equity method investment. ASU 2016-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted in any interim or annual period. The Company will adopt ASU-2016-07 in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending November 3, 2018 (fiscal 2018) and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Derivatives and Hedging

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-06, Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Contingent Put and Call Options in Debt Instruments (ASU 2016-06). ASU 2016-06 clarifies the requirements for assessing whether contingent call (put) options that can accelerate the payment of principal on debt instruments are clearly and closely related to their debt hosts. An entity performing the assessment under the amendments in ASU 2016-06 is required to assess the embedded call (put) options solely in accordance with the four-step decision sequence. The amendments in ASU 2016-06 are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company will adopt ASU 2016-06 in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending November 2, 2019 (fiscal 2019) and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (ASU 2016-02). ASU 2016-02 requires a lessee to recognize most leases on the balance sheet but recognize expenses on the income statement in a manner similar to current practice. The update states that a lessee will recognize a lease liability for the obligation to make lease payments and a right-to-use asset for the right to use the underlying assets for the lease term. Leases will continue to be classified as either financing or operating, with classification affecting the recognition, measurement and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease. ASU 2016-02 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt ASU 2016-02 in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2020 (fiscal 2020) and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Financial Instruments

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326), Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments (ASU 2016-13). ASU 2016-13 requires a financial asset (or group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from the amortized cost basis of the financial asset(s) to present the net carrying value at the amount expected to be collected on the financial asset. ASU 2016-13 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt ASU 2016-13 in the first quarter of fiscal 2020 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (ASU 2016-01). ASU 2016-01 requires equity investments to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment; eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet; requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; requires an entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments; requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial assets on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements and clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. ASU 2016-01 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt ASU 2016-01 in the first quarter of the fiscal 2019 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Business combinations

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments (ASU 2015-16). The update requires that an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The update also requires that the acquirer record, in the financial statements of the period in which adjustments to provisional amounts are determined, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. The new standard is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt ASU 2015-16 in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending October 28, 2017 (fiscal 2017) and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Inventory

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, Inventory (Topic 330) - Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory (ASU 2015-11), which simplifies the subsequent measurement of inventories by replacing the lower of cost or market test with a lower of cost and net realizable value test. The guidance applies only to inventories for which cost is determined by methods other than last-in first-out (LIFO) and the retail inventory method. The guidance in ASU 2015-11 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016 and early adoption is permitted. The Company will adopt ASU 2015-11 in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Intangibles-Goodwill and other

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal Use Software (Subtopic 350-40) - Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (ASU 2015-05), which provides guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, then the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. Consequently, all software licenses within the scope of Subtopic 350-40 will be accounted for consistent with other licenses of intangible assets. The guidance in ASU 2015-05 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. The Company will adopt ASU 2015-05 in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Compensation - Retirement Benefits

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-04, Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer's Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets (ASU 2015-04), which provides a practical expedient for entities with a fiscal year-end that does not coincide with a month-end, that permits the entity to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations using the month-end that is closest to the entity's fiscal year-end and apply that practical expedient consistently from year to year. Entities are required to disclose the accounting policy election and the date used to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations. ASU 2015-04 is effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early application is permitted. Amendments should be applied prospectively. The adoption of ASU

2015-04 in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Consolidation

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis (ASU 2015-02). ASU 2015-02 affects reporting entities that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. ASU 2015-02 modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities (VIEs) or voting interest entities, eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership and affects the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. ASU 2015-02 is effective for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. A reporting entity may apply the amendments in this guidance using a modified retrospective approach by recording a cumulative-effect adjustment to equity as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. A reporting entity also may apply the amendments retrospectively. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Presentation of Financial Statements

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40) (ASU 2014-15), which provides guidance about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The amendments require management to assess an entity's ability to continue as a going concern by incorporating and expanding upon certain principles that are currently in U.S. auditing standards. Specifically, the amendments (1) provide a definition of the term "substantial doubt", (2) require an evaluation every reporting period including interim periods, (3) provide principles for considering the mitigating effect of management's plans, (4) require certain disclosures when substantial doubt is alleviated as a result of consideration of management's plans, (5) require an express statement and other disclosures when substantial doubt is not alleviated, and (6) require an assessment for a period of one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued). ASU 2014-15 is effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter. Early adoption is permitted. The Company will adopt ASU 2014-15 in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and does not expect adoption to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Stock Compensation

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting (ASU 2016-09). ASU 2016-09 simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-09 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2016 and allows for prospective, retrospective or modified retrospective adoption, depending on the area covered in the update, with early adoption permitted. The Company will adopt ASU 2016-09 in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, adoption will have on its financial position and results of operations.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period (ASU 2014-12), which requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. ASU 2014-12 is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of ASU 2014-12 in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU 2014-09), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be

entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Additionally, the guidance requires improved disclosures to help users of financial statements better understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers Deferral of the Effective Date, which defers the effective date of the new revenue recognition standard by one year, and as a result, public entities would apply the new revenue standard to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and interim periods therein, which is the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted for all entities only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The guidance allows for the amendment to be applied either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or retrospectively as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers Narrow Scope

Improvements and Practical Expedients (ASU 2016-12). The update does not change the core principal for revenue recognition but rather provide clarifying guidance in a few narrow areas and add some practical expedients to the guidance. The pronouncement has the same effective date as ASU 2014-09. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing (ASU 2016-10). ASU 2016-10 clarifies the implementation guidance on identifying performance obligations and licensing on the previously issued ASU 2014-09. The pronouncement has the same effective date as ASU 2014-09. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09, ASU 2016-12 and ASU 2016-10 on its consolidated financial statements.

Note 18 – Subsequent Events

On August 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a cash dividend of \$0.42 per outstanding share of common stock. The dividend will be paid on September 7, 2016 to all shareholders of record at the close of business on August 26, 2016.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This information should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and our future results that are subject to the safe harbor created under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other safe harbors under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "targets," "goals," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "continues," and "will," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections regarding our future financial performance; our anticipated growth and trends in our businesses; the proposed acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation and financing for the proposed transaction; our future liquidity, capital needs and capital expenditures; our future market position and expected competitive changes in the marketplace for our products; our ability to pay dividends or repurchase stock; our ability to service our outstanding debt; our expected tax rate; the effect of new accounting pronouncements; our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses and technologies; and other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict, including those identified in Part II, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" and elsewhere herein. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, including to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of the filing of this report, except to the extent required by law.

Results of Operations

(all tabular amounts in thousands except per share amounts and percentages)

Overview

	Three Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue	\$869,591	\$863,365	\$6,226	1 %
Gross margin %	65.8 %	65.9 %		
Net income	\$230,430	\$216,478	\$13,952	6 %
Net income as a % of revenue	26.5 %	25.1 %		
Diluted EPS	\$0.74	\$0.68	\$0.06	9 %

	Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue	\$2,417,786	\$2,456,370	\$(38,584)	(2) %
Gross margin %	64.5 %	65.8 %		
Net income	\$565,507	\$600,573	\$(35,066)	(6) %
Net income as a % of revenue	23.4 %	24.4 %		
Diluted EPS	\$1.81	\$1.89	\$(0.08)	(4) %

Proposed Acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation

On July 26, 2016, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Linear Technology Corporation ("Linear"), an independent manufacturer of high performance linear integrated circuits. Under the terms of the acquisition

agreement, Linear stockholders will receive, for each outstanding share of Linear common stock, \$46.00 in cash and 0.2321 of a share of our common stock. Based on the number of outstanding shares of Linear common stock as of July 26, 2016, and our 5-day volume weighted average price as of July 21, 2016, the value of the total consideration to be paid by us is estimated to be

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approximately \$14.8 billion. The acquisition is subject to the approval of Linear stockholders and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including applicable regulatory approvals.

We intend to fund the transaction with the issuance of approximately 58.0 million new shares of our common stock and approximately \$11.6 billion of new short- and long-term loans and bonds. The financing is supported by fully underwritten bridge financing commitments and is expected to consist of term loans and bonds. See Note 13, Debt and Note 15, Acquisitions, in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Revenue Trends by End Market

The following table summarizes revenue by end market. The categorization of revenue by end market is determined using a variety of data points including the technical characteristics of the product, the “sold to” customer information, the “ship to” customer information and the end customer product or application into which our product will be incorporated. As data systems for capturing and tracking this data evolve and improve, the categorization of products by end market can vary over time. When this occurs, we reclassify revenue by end market for prior periods. Such reclassifications typically do not materially change the sizing of, or the underlying trends of results within, each end market.

	Three Months Ended				
	July 30, 2016		August 1, 2015		
	Revenue	% of Revenue*	Y/Y%	Revenue	% of Revenue
Industrial	\$374,735	43 %	(3)%	\$384,473	45 %
Automotive	134,617	15 %	3 %	130,228	15 %
Consumer	186,101	21 %	(10)%	206,656	24 %
Communications	174,138	20 %	23 %	142,008	16 %
Total revenue	\$869,591	100 %	1 %	\$863,365	100 %

* The sum of the individual percentages does not equal the total due to rounding.

	Nine Months Ended				
	July 30, 2016		August 1, 2015		
	Revenue	% of Revenue	Y/Y%	Revenue	% of Revenue
Industrial	\$1,107,853	46 %	(2)%	\$1,128,116	46 %
Automotive	399,129	17 %	1 %	393,696	16 %
Consumer	393,518	16 %	(5)%	412,102	17 %
Communications	517,286	21 %	(1)%	522,456	21 %
Total revenue	\$2,417,786	100 %	(2)%	\$2,456,370	100 %

Industrial end market revenue decreased in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of decreased demand for products sold into the aerospace and defense sector and instrumentation sector of this end market. Industrial end market revenue decreased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same periods of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of decreased demand for products sold into the instrumentation, automation and sensing sectors partially offset by an increase in products sold into the aerospace and defense sector of this end market. Automotive end market revenue increased in the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same periods of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of an increased demand for products sold into this end market moderated by decreased demand for products used in passive safety applications. Consumer end market revenue decreased in the three month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of a decreased demand for products sold into the portable sector. Consumer end market revenue decreased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of a decreased

demand for products sold into the portable and the prosumer A/V markets. Communications end market revenue increased in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of increased demand for products sold into this end market. Communications end market revenue decreased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year primarily as a result of a decreased demand for products used in wireless base stations, partially offset by increased demand for products used in wireline infrastructure applications.

Revenue Trends by Geographic Region

Revenue by geographic region, based upon the primary location of our customers' design activity for our products for the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 were as follows:

Region	Three Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
United States	\$334,455	\$359,682	\$(25,227)	(7)%
Rest of North and South America	22,677	20,186	2,491	12%
Europe	232,324	221,270	11,054	5%
Japan	73,753	80,489	(6,736)	(8)%
China	146,069	126,188	19,881	16%
Rest of Asia	60,313	55,550	4,763	9%
Total revenue	\$869,591	\$863,365	\$6,226	1%
Region	Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
United States	\$846,407	\$870,522	\$(24,115)	(3)%
Rest of North and South America	64,812	65,546	(734)	(1)%
Europe	694,200	711,253	(17,053)	(2)%
Japan	213,938	245,395	(31,457)	(13)%
China	425,732	383,356	42,376	11%
Rest of Asia	172,697	180,298	(7,601)	(4)%
Total revenue	\$2,417,786	\$2,456,370	\$(38,584)	(2)%

In the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, the predominant country comprising "Rest of North and South America" is Canada; the predominant countries comprising "Europe" are Germany, Sweden, France and the United Kingdom; and the predominant countries comprising "Rest of Asia" are South Korea and Taiwan. On a regional basis, the sales decrease in the United States in the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily the result of a decrease in demand in the consumer and industrial end markets. The sales increase in Europe and China in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was a result of an increase in demand in the communications end market. The sales decrease in Japan in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily a result of a decrease in demand in the industrial end market. The sales increase in the Rest of Asia in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily a result of an increase in demand in the industrial end market. The sales decrease in Europe, Japan and Rest of Asia in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was a result of a decrease in demand for our products in most end markets. The sales increase in China in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily the result of an increase in demand in the industrial end market.

Gross Margin

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Gross margin	\$572,290	\$569,037	\$3,253	1%	\$1,560,486	\$1,617,466	\$(56,980)	(4)%
Gross margin %	65.8%	65.9%			64.5%	65.8%		

Gross margin percentage decreased by 10 basis points in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of a reduced percentage of sales of our products sold into the industrial end market which earn higher margins as compared to products sold into our other end market sectors.

Gross margin percentage decreased by 130 basis points in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of lower utilization rates in our manufacturing facilities partially offset by a mix shift in favor of higher margin products being sold.

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Research and Development (R&D)

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
R&D expenses	\$163,227	\$160,784	\$2,443	2 %	\$480,890	\$466,723	\$14,167	3 %
R&D expenses as a % of revenue	18.8	% 18.6	%		19.9	% 19.0	%	

R&D expenses increased in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of increases in R&D employee and related benefit expenses, partially offset by decreases in variable compensation expense linked to our overall profitability and revenue growth and operational spending.

R&D expenses increased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of increases in R&D employee and related benefit expenses and operational spending, partially offset by a decrease in variable compensation expense linked to our overall profitability and revenue growth. R&D expenses as a percentage of revenue will fluctuate from year-to-year depending on the amount of revenue and the success of new product development efforts, which we view as critical to our future growth. We have hundreds of R&D projects underway, none of which we believe are material on an individual basis. We expect to continue the development of innovative technologies and processes for new products. We believe that a continued commitment to R&D is essential to maintain product leadership with our existing products as well as to provide innovative new product offerings. Therefore, we expect to continue to make significant R&D investments in the future.

Selling, Marketing, General and Administrative (SMG&A)

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
SMG&A expenses	\$122,909	\$120,030	\$2,879	2 %	\$342,557	\$357,572	\$(15,015)	(4 %)
SMG&A expenses as a % of revenue	14.1	% 13.9	%		14.2	% 14.6	%	

SMG&A expenses increased in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of increases in SMG&A employee and related benefit expenses and increases in acquisition related costs resulting from the proposed acquisition of Linear, partially offset by decreases in variable compensation expense linked to our overall profitability and revenue growth and operational spending.

SMG&A expenses decreased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of decreases in variable compensation expense linked to our overall profitability and revenue growth, and lower stock-based compensation expense as the nine-month period ended August 1, 2015 included additional expense related to the accelerated vesting of equity awards granted to a former executive officer. In addition, acquisition related costs resulting from the proposed acquisition of Linear in fiscal 2016 were lower than those recorded in fiscal 2015 which were associated with the acquisition of Hittite in fiscal 2014. These decreases in SMG&A expense were partially offset by an increase in SMG&A employee and related benefit expenses.

Amortization of Intangibles

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Amortization expenses	\$17,447	\$22,954	\$(5,507)	(24 %)	\$52,224	\$70,960	\$(18,736)	(26 %)
Amortization expenses as a % of revenue	2.0	% 2.7	%		2.2	% 2.9	%	

Amortization expense decreased in the three- and nine-month periods ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same periods of the prior fiscal year, as a result of certain intangible assets becoming fully amortized during fiscal 2015.

Special Charges

During the second quarter of fiscal 2016, we recorded a special charge of approximately \$13.7 million for severance and fringe benefit costs in accordance with the Company's ongoing benefit plan for 123 manufacturing, engineering and SMG&A employees. As of July 30, 2016, we still employed 90 of the 123 employees included in these cost reduction actions. These employees must continue to be employed by the Company until their employment is involuntarily terminated in order to receive the severance benefit. We expect this action will result in estimated annual cost savings of approximately \$12.3 million once fully implemented.

Operating Income

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Operating income	\$268,707	\$265,269	\$ 3,438	1 %	\$671,131	\$722,211	\$(51,080)	(7 %)
Operating income as a % of revenue	30.9	% 30.7	%		27.8	% 29.4	%	

The year-over-year increase in operating income in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016 was primarily the result of a \$5.5 million decrease in amortization of intangibles and a \$3.3 million increase in gross margin, partially offset by a \$2.4 million increase in R&D expenses and a \$2.9 million increase in SMG&A expenses as more fully described above under the headings Amortization of Intangibles, Research and Development (R&D) and Selling, Marketing, General and Administrative (SMG&A).

The year-over-year decrease in operating income in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 was primarily the result of a 130 basis point decrease in gross margin percentage, a \$13.7 million increase in special charges and a \$14.2 million increase in R&D expenses, partially offset by a \$18.7 million decrease in amortization of intangibles and a \$15.0 million decrease in SMG&A expenses as more fully described above under the headings Special Charges, Research and Development (R&D), Amortization of Intangibles and Selling, Marketing, General and Administrative (SMG&A).

Nonoperating Expense (Income)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change
Interest expense	\$18,476	\$ 6,755	\$11,721	\$49,993	\$20,291	\$29,702
Interest income	(5,665)	(2,229)	(3,436)	(14,107)	(6,282)	(7,825)
Other, net	(504)	1,265	(1,769)	1,758	2,765	(1,007)
Total nonoperating expense	\$12,307	\$ 5,791	\$6,516	\$37,644	\$16,774	\$20,870

The year-over-year increase in nonoperating expense in the three- and nine- month periods ended July 30, 2016 was primarily the result of an increase in interest expense as a result of the issuance of \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes) in the first quarter of fiscal 2016. See Note 13, Debt, of the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information on the issuance of the 2025 Notes and the 2045 Notes.

Provision for Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change
Provision for income taxes	\$25,970	\$43,000	\$(17,030)	\$67,980	\$104,864	\$(36,884)
Effective income tax rate	10.1	% 16.6	%	10.7	% 14.9	%

Our effective tax rate reflects the applicable tax rate in effect in the various tax jurisdictions around the world where our income is earned.

The tax rate for all periods presented was below the U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to lower statutory tax rates applicable to our operations in the foreign jurisdictions in which we earn income. Income from

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jurisdictions accounted for approximately 76.9% of our total revenues for the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, resulting in a material portion of our pretax income being earned and taxed outside the U.S., primarily in Bermuda and Ireland, at rates ranging from 0% to 35%. The impact on our provision for income taxes of income earned in foreign jurisdictions being taxed at rates different than the U.S. statutory rate was a benefit of approximately \$73.8 million and a foreign effective tax rate of approximately 5.4% in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, compared to a benefit of approximately \$66.0 million and a foreign effective tax rate of approximately 8.1% in the three-month period ended August 1, 2015. The impact on our provision for income taxes of income earned in foreign jurisdictions being taxed at rates different than the U.S. statutory rate was a benefit of approximately \$176.9 million and a foreign effective tax rate of approximately 5.9% for the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, compared to a benefit of approximately \$174.5 million and a foreign effective tax rate of approximately 8.5% for the nine-month period ended August 1, 2015. A reduction in the ratio of domestic taxable income to worldwide taxable income effectively lowers the overall tax rate, due to the fact that the tax rates in the majority of foreign jurisdictions where we earn income are significantly lower than the U.S. statutory rate. In addition, our effective income tax rate can be impacted each year by discrete factors or events. Our effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 included a tax benefit of \$7.5 million from the reinstatement of the U.S. federal research and development tax credit in December 2015 retroactive to January 1, 2015. Our effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended August 1, 2015 included \$2.0 million of discrete tax expense items associated with the U.S. provision to return adjustments, a tax benefit of \$7.0 million from the reinstatement of the U.S. federal research and development tax credit in December 2014 retroactive to January 1, 2014 and a tax benefit of \$3.8 million recorded as a result of an acquisition accounting adjustment.

Net Income

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Net Income	\$230,430	\$216,478	\$13,952	6 %	\$565,507	\$600,573	\$(35,066)	(6 %)
Net Income as a % of revenue	26.5 %	25.1 %			23.4 %	24.4 %		
Diluted EPS	\$0.74	\$0.68			\$1.81	\$1.89		

Net income increased in the three-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year as a result of the \$17.0 million decrease in provision for income taxes and the \$3.4 million increase in operating income, partially offset by the \$6.5 million increase in nonoperating expense.

Net income decreased in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year as a result of the \$51.1 million decrease in operating income and the \$20.9 million increase in nonoperating expense, partially offset by the \$36.9 million decrease in provision for income taxes.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At July 30, 2016, our principal source of liquidity was \$3.8 billion of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, of which approximately \$0.9 billion was held in the United States. The balance of our cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments was held outside the United States in various foreign subsidiaries. As we intend to reinvest substantially all of our foreign earnings indefinitely, this cash held outside the United States is not available to meet certain aspects of our cash requirements in the United States, including cash dividends, principal and interest payments, and common stock repurchases. If these funds are needed for U.S. operations or can no longer be permanently reinvested outside the United States, we would be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes to repatriate these funds. Our cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition, including money market funds, and our short-term investments consist primarily of corporate obligations, such as commercial paper and floating rate notes, bonds and bank time deposits. We maintain these balances with high credit quality counterparties, continually monitor the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer and diversify our investments in order to minimize our credit risk.

In connection with our proposed acquisition of Linear, during the third quarter of fiscal 2016 we obtained bridge financing commitments and expect to issue both short- and long-term loans and bonds totaling approximately \$11.6 billion in the aggregate to finance the proposed acquisition. We also expect to increase our existing revolving credit facility to \$1 billion as well as modify the related consolidated leverage ratio covenant. During the period prior to closing, we expect to incur fees and expenses related to the financing arrangements and the acquisition. See Note 13, Debt, of the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

We believe that our existing sources of liquidity and cash expected to be generated from future operations, together with existing and anticipated available long-term financing, will be sufficient to fund operations, capital expenditures, research and development efforts and dividend payments (if any) in the immediate future and for at least the next twelve months.

	Nine Months Ended	
	July 30, 2016	August 1, 2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$793,911	\$709,823
Net cash provided by operations as a % of revenue	32.8 %	28.9 %
Net cash used for investing activities	\$(661,341)	\$(369,709)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$88,450	\$(348,698)

At July 30, 2016, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$1.1 billion. The following changes contributed to the net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period in fiscal 2015.

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities is net income adjusted for certain non-cash items and changes in assets and liabilities.

The increase in cash provided by operating activities during the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily due to changes in working capital, partially offset by lower net income adjusted for non-cash items.

Investing Activities

Investing cash flows consist primarily of capital expenditures, investment purchases, maturities and sales of available-for-sale securities, as well as cash used for acquisitions.

The increase in cash used for investing activities during the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016, as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily due to an increase in the net purchases of available-for-sale securities, partially offset by a decrease in property, plant and equipment additions.

Financing Activities

Financing cash flows consist primarily of payments of dividends to stockholders, repurchases of common stock, issuance and repayment of long-term debt, and proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock pursuant to employee equity incentive plans.

The increase in cash provided by financing activities during the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year was primarily due to net proceeds of \$1.2 billion received from the issuance of the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes, partially offset by \$378.2 million of payments for the redemption of our 2016 Notes, an increase in stock repurchases of \$253.4 million as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, a decrease in proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock pursuant to employee equity incentive plans of \$75.5 million as compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, payments of \$33.4 million related to derivative instruments and payments of \$22.2 million in deferred financing fees related to the proposed acquisition of Linear.

Working Capital

	July 30, 2016	October 31, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Accounts receivable, net	\$452,944	\$466,527	\$(13,583)	(3)%
Days sales outstanding*	45	43		
Inventory	\$392,303	\$412,314	\$(20,011)	(5)%
Days cost of sales in inventory*	122	113		

* We use the average of the current quarter and prior quarter ending net accounts receivable and ending inventory balance in our calculation of days sales outstanding and days cost of sales in inventory, respectively.

The decrease in accounts receivable in dollars was primarily the result of lower product shipments in the final month of the third quarter of fiscal 2016 as compared to the final month of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. Days sales outstanding increased as a result of a decrease in revenue of 11% while average accounts receivable decreased 7% for the same period.

The decrease in inventory in dollars was a result of our efforts to balance manufacturing production, demand and inventory levels. Our inventory levels are impacted by our need to support forecasted sales demand and variations between those forecasts and actual demand. Days cost of sales in inventory increased as a result of cost of sales decreasing by 12% while average inventory decreased 5% for the same period.

Current liabilities decreased to \$678.7 million at July 30, 2016 from \$1.1 billion at the end of fiscal 2015. The decrease was primarily the result of the redemption of the 2016 Notes in the first quarter of fiscal 2016, a decrease in accrued liabilities as a result of a decrease in accrued variable compensation and a decrease related to the termination and payment of the loss on the forward starting swaps of \$33.4 million.

As of July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, we had gross deferred revenue of \$413.7 million and \$379.9 million, respectively, and gross deferred cost of sales of \$86.3 million and \$79.8 million, respectively. Deferred income on shipments to distributors increased in the first nine months of fiscal 2016, primarily as a result of higher demand for products sold into the channel. Sales to distributors are made under agreements that allow distributors to receive price-adjustment credits and to return qualifying products for credit, as determined by us, in order to reduce the amounts of slow-moving, discontinued or obsolete product from their inventory. Given the uncertainties associated with the levels of price-adjustment credits to be granted to distributors, the sales price to the distributors is not fixed or determinable until the distributors resell the products to their customers. Therefore, we defer revenue recognition from sales to distributors until the distributors have sold the products to their customers. The amount of price-adjustments is dependent on future overall market conditions, and therefore the levels of these adjustments could fluctuate significantly from period to period. To the extent that we experience a significant increase in the amount of credits we issue to our distributors, there could be a material impact on the ultimate revenue and gross margin recognized relating to these transactions.

Debt

As of July 30, 2016, we had \$1.7 billion of carrying value outstanding on our long-term debt. The difference in the carrying value of the debt and the principal is due to the unamortized discount and issuance fees on these instruments that will accrete to the face value over the term of the debt. Our debt obligations consist of the following:

\$500.0 Million Aggregate Principal Amount of 2.875% Senior Unsecured Notes (2023 Notes)

On June 3, 2013, we issued the 2023 Notes with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2013.

\$850.0 Million Aggregate Principal Amount of 3.9% Senior Unsecured Notes (2025 Notes) and \$400.0 Million Aggregate Principal Amount of 5.3% Senior Unsecured Notes (2045 Notes)

On December 14, 2015, we issued the 2025 Notes and the 2045 Notes with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2016.

The indentures governing the 2023 Notes, 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes contain covenants that may limit our ability to: incur, create, assume or guarantee any debt for borrowed money secured by a lien upon a principal property; enter into sale and lease-back transactions with respect to a principal property; and consolidate with or merge into, or transfer or lease all or substantially all of our assets to, any other party. As of July 30, 2016, we were compliant with these covenants. See Note 13, Debt, of the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information on our outstanding debt.

Revolving Credit Facility

On July 10, 2015, we amended and restated our existing senior unsecured revolving credit facility with certain institutional lenders (the Credit Agreement) dated as of December 19, 2012. The Credit Agreement expires on July 10, 2020, and provides that we may borrow up to \$750.0 million. To date, we have not borrowed under this credit facility, but we may borrow in the future and use the proceeds for repayment of existing indebtedness, stock repurchases, acquisitions, capital expenditures, working capital and other lawful corporate purposes. The terms of the facility impose restrictions on our ability to undertake certain transactions, to create certain liens on assets and to incur certain

subsidiary indebtedness. In addition, the Credit Agreement contains a consolidated leverage ratio covenant of total consolidated funded debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) of not greater than 3.0 to 1.0. As of July 30, 2016, we were compliant with these covenants.

Stock Repurchase Program

Our common stock repurchase program has been in place since August 2004. On February 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a \$600.0 million increase to the current authorization for the Company's stock repurchase program to \$1.0 billion in the aggregate. In the aggregate, our Board of Directors has authorized us to repurchase \$6.2 billion of our common stock under the program, in the aggregate. Under the program, we may repurchase outstanding shares of our common stock from time to time in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of our Board of Directors, the repurchase program will expire when we have repurchased all shares authorized under the program. As of July 30, 2016, we had repurchased a total of approximately 147.0 million shares of our common stock for approximately \$5.4 billion under this program. The repurchased shares are held as authorized but unissued shares of common stock. We also from time to time repurchase shares in settlement of employee tax withholding obligations due upon the vesting of restricted stock units. As a result of our proposed acquisition of Linear, we have temporarily suspended our share repurchase program. While we do not plan to resume share repurchases in the near term, we expect to continue repurchasing our common stock over the long-term.

Capital Expenditures

Net additions to property, plant and equipment were \$86.2 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2016 and were funded with a combination of cash on hand and cash generated from operations. We expect capital expenditures for fiscal 2016 to be in the range of \$130.0 million to \$135.0 million. These capital expenditures will be funded with a combination of cash on hand and cash generated from operations.

Dividends

On August 15, 2016, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.42 per outstanding share of common stock. The dividend will be paid on September 7, 2016 to all shareholders of record at the close of business on August 26, 2016 and is expected to total approximately \$129.1 million. We currently expect quarterly dividends to continue at \$0.42 per share, although they remain subject to determination and declaration by our Board of Directors. The payment of future dividends, if any, will be based on several factors, including our financial performance, outlook and liquidity.

Contractual Obligations

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, we issued \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2016. Prior to issuing the 2025 Notes and 2045 Notes, on October 28, 2014, we entered into forward starting interest rate swap transactions to hedge our exposure to the variability in future cash flows due to changes in interest rates for debt issuances expected to occur in the future. On December 1, 2015, these forward starting swaps were terminated resulting in a loss of \$33.4 million. The loss will be amortized into interest expense on a straight line basis over the 10-year term of the 2025 Notes.

Assuming the debt obligation is held to maturity, the following amounts will be due under the debt indentures and were not previously reflected in the contractual obligations table contained in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015:

(thousands)	Total	Payment due by period			
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Contractual obligations:					
Debt obligations	1,250,000	—	—	—	1,250,000
Interest payments associated with debt obligations	994,826	27,326	108,700	108,700	750,100
Total	\$2,244,826	\$27,326	\$108,700	\$108,700	\$2,000,100

There have not been any other material changes during the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 to the amounts presented in the table summarizing our contractual obligations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

New Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) that are adopted by us as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, management believes that the impact of recently issued standards will not have a material impact on our future financial condition and results of operations. See Note 17, New Accounting Pronouncements, of the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a description of recently issued and adopted accounting pronouncements, including the dates of adoption and impact on our historical financial condition and results of operations.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU 2014-09), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Additionally, the guidance requires improved disclosures to help users of financial statements better understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14 Revenue from Contracts with Customers Deferral of the Effective Date, which defers the effective date of the new revenue recognition standard by one year, as a result, public entities would apply the new revenue standard to annual reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2017 and interim periods therein, which is our first quarter of fiscal 2019. Early adoption is permitted for all entities only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The guidance allows for the amendment to be applied either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or retrospectively as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers Narrow Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients (ASU 2016-12). The update does not change the core principal for revenue recognition but rather provide clarifying guidance in a few narrow areas and add some practical expedients to the guidance. The pronouncement has the same effective date as ASU 2014-09. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing (ASU 2016-10). ASU 2016-10 clarifies the implementation guidance on identifying performance obligations and licensing on the previously issued ASU 2014-09. The pronouncement has the same effective date as ASU 2014-09.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

There were no material changes in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 to the information provided under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Exposure

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, we issued \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes) with semi-annual fixed interest payments due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2016. In addition in the first quarter of fiscal 2016, we redeemed our outstanding \$375.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.0% senior unsecured notes due April 15, 2016. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in market interest rates would reduce the fair value of our 2025 Notes outstanding by approximately \$68 million and our 2045 Notes outstanding by approximately \$58 million. These amounts were not provided in the information under Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2015 as the debt was not issued at that time.

Other than as described above, there were no material changes in the nine-month period ended July 30, 2016 to the information provided under Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of July 30, 2016. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of July 30, 2016, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting. No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the quarter ended July 30, 2016 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Set forth below and elsewhere in this report and in other documents we file with the SEC are descriptions of certain risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained in this report. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we presently deem less significant may also adversely affect our business. The description below includes any material changes to and supersedes the description of the risk factors affecting our business previously discussed in "Risk Factors" set forth in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015.

Risks Related to the Proposed Acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation

Our ability to complete the acquisition of Linear Technology Corporation ("Linear") is subject to various closing conditions, including the receipt of consents and approvals from governmental authorities, which may impose conditions that could adversely affect us or cause the acquisition to be abandoned and the approval of Linear's stockholders.

We and Linear must make certain filings with, and obtain certain consents and approvals from, various governmental and regulatory authorities. We have not yet obtained the regulatory consents and approvals required to complete the acquisition. Governmental or regulatory agencies could seek to block or challenge the acquisition. Even if these regulatory consents and approvals are obtained, the governmental authorities from which these approvals are required may impose conditions on the completion of the acquisition, including requiring significant divestitures, that could have an adverse effect on the combined company following the acquisition. The merger agreement may require us to accept conditions from these regulators that could adversely impact the combined company. If we agree to undertake divestitures or comply with operating restrictions in order to obtain any approvals required to complete the acquisition, we may be less able to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, and the business and results of operations of the combined company after the acquisition may be adversely affected. If the required regulatory consents and approvals are not received, or they are not received on terms that satisfy the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, then neither we nor Linear will be obligated to complete the acquisition. Under the merger agreement, we could be required, under certain circumstances, to pay Linear a termination fee of \$700 million. If such a termination fee is payable, the payment of this fee could have material and adverse consequences to our financial condition and operations.

In addition, it is a condition to the closing of the Linear acquisition that Linear stockholders adopt the merger agreement.

We can provide no assurance that the various closing conditions will be satisfied and that the necessary approvals will be obtained, or that any required conditions will not materially adversely affect the combined company following the acquisition. In addition, we can provide no assurance that these conditions will not result in the abandonment or delay of the acquisition. The occurrence of any of these events individually or in combination could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and the trading price of our common stock.

We will incur significant acquisition-related costs in connection with the Linear acquisition and the combined company could incur substantial expenses related to the integration of Linear.

We expect to incur costs associated with combining our operations with Linear's operations, as well as transaction fees and other costs related to the acquisition. Many of these costs will be borne by us even if the acquisition is not completed. We will incur through completion of the acquisition, and the combined company will incur following the completion of the acquisition, substantial expenses in connection with integrating each company's respective businesses, policies, procedures, operations, technologies and systems. These integration expenses may result in significant charges taken against earnings by us prior to completion of the acquisition and by the combined company following the completion of the acquisition.

We will incur significant indebtedness in connection with the merger, which could reduce our flexibility to operate our business and increase our interest expense.

In connection with the planned acquisition, we have entered into a commitment letter, dated as of July 26, 2016 (the "Commitment Letter"), with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Credit Suisse AG, and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (together, the "Commitment Parties"), pursuant to which the Commitment Parties have committed to arrange and provide, subject to the terms and conditions of the Commitment Letter, a 364-day senior unsecured bridge facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,500,000,000 and a 90-day senior unsecured bridge facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$4,100,000,000. Upon consummation of the merger, our ability to make payments of principal and interest on our indebtedness when due depends upon our future performance, which will be subject to general economic conditions, industry cycles and financial, business and other factors affecting our consolidated operations, many of which are beyond our control. In addition, the amount of cash required to pay principal and interest on our increased

indebtedness levels following completion of the merger, and thus the demands on our cash resources, will be greater than the amount of cash flows required to service our indebtedness prior to the completion of the merger. This increased indebtedness could also have the effect, among other things, of reducing our flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions and reducing funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes and may create competitive disadvantages relative to other companies with lower debt levels. If we do not achieve the expected benefits and cost savings from the merger, or if the financial performance of the combined company does not meet current expectations, then our ability to service our indebtedness may be adversely impacted.

The market value of our common stock could decline if large amounts of our common stock are sold following the Linear acquisition.

Following the acquisition, our shareholders and former Linear stockholders will own interests in a combined company operating an expanded business with more assets and a different mix of liabilities. Our current shareholders and the current Linear stockholders may not wish to continue to invest in the combined company, or may wish to reduce their investment in the combined company, in order to comply with institutional investing guidelines, to increase diversification or to track any rebalancing of stock indices in which our or Linear's common stock is or was included. If, following the acquisition, large amounts of our common stock are sold, the price of our common stock could decline.

The pendency of the Linear acquisition could adversely affect us.

In connection with the pending acquisition, some of our suppliers and customers may delay or defer sales and purchasing decisions, which could negatively impact revenues, earnings and cash flows regardless of whether the acquisition is completed.

Following the Linear acquisition, the combined company may encounter difficulties in integrating our and Linear's businesses and realizing the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.

The acquisition involves the combination of two companies which currently operate as independent public companies. The combined company will be required to devote management attention and resources to integrating its business practices and operations, and prior to the acquisition, management attention and resources will be required to plan for such integration. Potential difficulties the combined company may encounter in the integration process include the following:

- the inability to successfully integrate the respective businesses of the two companies in a manner that permits the combined company to achieve the cost savings and operating synergies anticipated to result from the acquisition, which could result in the anticipated benefits of the acquisition not being realized partly or wholly in the time frame currently anticipated or at all;

- lost sales and customers as a result of certain customers of either or both of the two companies deciding not to do business with the combined company, or deciding to decrease their amount of business in order to reduce their reliance on a single company;

- integrating personnel from the two companies while maintaining focus on providing consistent, high quality products and services;

- potential unknown liabilities and unforeseen increased expenses, delays or regulatory conditions associated with the acquisition; and

- performance shortfalls at one or both of the two companies as a result of the diversion of management's attention caused by completing the acquisition and integrating the companies' operations.

Any of these factors could result in the combined company failing to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, on the expected timeline or at all.

Risks Relating to the Business

Disruptions in global credit and financial markets could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

There is significant continuing uncertainty regarding the stability of global credit and financial markets. These economic uncertainties may lead consumers and businesses to postpone spending, which may cause our customers to cancel, decrease or delay their existing and future orders for our products and make it difficult for us to accurately

forecast and plan our future business activities. Significant disruption to global credit and financial markets may also adversely affect our ability to access external financing sources on acceptable terms. Financial difficulties experienced by our customers could result in nonpayment or payment delays for previously purchased products, thereby increasing our credit risk exposure. Uncertainty regarding the future stability of the global credit and financial markets could cause the value of the currency in the affected markets to deteriorate, thus reducing the purchasing power of those customers. In addition, financial difficulties experienced by our suppliers or distributors could result in product delays, increased accounts receivable defaults and inventory challenges. During the past few years, many governments adopted stimulus or spending programs designed to ease the economic impact of the crisis. Some of our businesses benefited from these stimulus programs but there can be no assurance that such programs will continue in the future. If economic conditions deteriorate, we may record additional charges relating to restructuring costs or the impairment of assets and our business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Our future revenue, gross margins, operating results, net income and earnings per share are difficult to predict and may materially fluctuate.

Our future revenue, gross margins, operating results, net income and earnings per share are difficult to predict and may be materially affected by a number of factors, including:

- the effects of adverse economic conditions in the markets in which we sell our products;
- changes in customer demand for our products and/or for end products that incorporate our products;
- the timing, delay, reduction or cancellation of significant customer orders and our ability to manage inventory;
- our ability to effectively manage our cost structure in both the short term and over a longer duration;
- changes in geographic, product or customer mix;
- changes in our effective tax rates in the United States, Ireland or worldwide;
- the timing of new product announcements or introductions by us, our customers or our competitors;
- competitive pricing pressures;
- fluctuations in manufacturing yields, adequate availability of wafers and other raw materials, and manufacturing, assembly and test capacity;
- the ability of our third-party suppliers, subcontractors and manufacturers to supply us with sufficient quantities of raw materials, products and/or components;
- a decline in infrastructure spending by foreign governments, including China;
- a decline in the U.S. Government defense budget, changes in spending or budgetary priorities, a prolonged U.S. Government shutdown or delays in contract awards;
- any significant decline in our backlog;
- our ability to recruit, hire, retain and motivate adequate numbers of engineers and other qualified employees to meet the demands of our customers;
- the increasing costs of providing employee benefits, including health insurance, retirement plan and pension plan contributions and retirement benefits;
- our ability to utilize our manufacturing facilities at efficient levels;
- potential significant litigation-related costs or product warranty and/or indemnity claims, including those not covered by our suppliers or insurers;
- the difficulties inherent in forecasting future operating expense levels, including with respect to costs associated with labor, utilities, transportation and raw materials;
- the costs related to compliance with increasing worldwide government, environmental and social responsibility regulations; and
- the effects of public health emergencies, natural disasters, widespread travel disruptions, security risks, terrorist activities, international conflicts, government sanctions and other events beyond our control.

In addition, the semiconductor market has historically been cyclical and subject to significant economic upturns and downturns. Our business and certain of the end markets we serve are also subject to rapid technological changes and material fluctuations in demand based on end-user preferences. There can be no assurance (i) that products stocked in our inventory will not be rendered obsolete before we ship them, or (ii) that we will be able to design, develop and produce products in a timely fashion to accommodate changing customer demand. As a result of these and other factors, we may experience material fluctuations in future revenue, gross margins, operating results, net income and earnings per share on a quarterly or annual basis. Our historical financial performance and results of operations should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance or results. In addition, if our revenue, gross margins, operating results, net income and earnings per share results or expectations do not meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the market price of our common stock may decline.

Increases in our effective tax rate and exposure to additional tax liabilities may adversely impact our results of operations.

Our effective tax rate reflects the applicable tax rate in effect in the various tax jurisdictions around the world where our income is earned. Our effective tax rate in 2015 was below the U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to lower statutory tax rates applicable to our operations in the foreign jurisdictions in which we earn income. A number of factors may increase our future effective tax rate, including: new or revised tax laws or legislation (including recent revisions to Irish tax laws) or the interpretation of such laws or legislation by governmental authorities; increases in tax rates in various jurisdictions; variation in the mix of jurisdictions in which our profits are earned and taxed; repatriation of non-U.S. earnings; any adverse resolution of ongoing tax audits or adverse rulings from taxing authorities worldwide; changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities; adjustments to income taxes upon finalization of various tax returns; increases in expenses not deductible for tax purposes, including executive compensation subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and amortization of assets acquired in connection with strategic transactions; decreased availability of tax deductions for stock-based compensation awards worldwide; and changes in available tax credits. Any significant increase in our future effective tax rate could adversely impact our net income during future periods.

Long-term contracts are not typical for us and incorrect forecasts or reductions, cancellations or delays in orders for our products could adversely affect our operating results.

We typically do not have long-term sales contracts with our customers. In certain markets where end-user demand may be particularly volatile and difficult to predict, some customers place orders that require us to manufacture product and have it available for shipment, even though the customer is unwilling to make a binding commitment to purchase all, or even any, of the product. In other instances, we manufacture product based on forecasts of customer demands, which may fluctuate significantly on a quarterly or annual basis. Additionally, our U.S. government contracts and subcontracts may be funded in increments over a number of government budget periods and typically can be terminated by the government for its convenience. As a result, we may incur inventory and manufacturing costs in advance of anticipated sales, and we are subject to the risk of lower than expected orders or cancellations of orders, leading to a sharp reduction of sales and backlog. Further, orders or forecasts for products that meet the customer's unique requirements and that are canceled or unrealized orders would, in addition, result in an inventory of unsaleable products, causing potential inventory write-offs, and we may be unable to recover all of our costs incurred or committed. As a result of lengthy manufacturing cycles for certain of the products that are subject to these uncertainties, the amount of unsaleable product could be substantial. Incorrect forecasts, or reductions, cancellations or delays in orders for our products could adversely affect our operating results.

Our future success depends upon our ability to execute our business strategy, continue to innovate, improve our existing products, design, develop, produce and market new products, and identify and enter new markets.

Our future success significantly depends on our continued ability to execute our business strategy, continue to improve our existing products and design, develop, produce and market innovative new products. Product design, development, innovation and enhancement is often a complex, time-consuming and costly process involving significant investment in research and development, with no assurance of return on investment. There can be no assurance that we will be able to develop and introduce new and improved products in a timely or efficient manner or that new and improved products, if developed, will achieve market acceptance. Our products generally must conform to various evolving and sometimes competing industry standards, which may adversely affect our ability to compete in certain markets or require us to incur significant costs. In addition, our customers generally impose very high quality and reliability standards on our products, which often change and may be difficult or costly to satisfy. Any inability to satisfy customer quality and reliability standards or comply with industry standards and technical requirements may adversely affect demand for our products and our results of operations. In addition, our growth is dependent on our continued ability to identify and penetrate new markets where we have limited experience and competition is intense. Some of our customers in these markets are less established, which could subject us to increased credit risk. There can be no assurance that the markets we serve and/or target based on our business strategy will grow in the future, that our existing and new products will meet the requirements of these markets, that our products, or the products in which our products are used, will achieve customer acceptance in these markets, that competitors will not force price reductions or take market share from us, or that we can achieve or maintain adequate gross margins or profits in these markets. Additionally, developing markets, such as the developing Internet of Things

(IoT) market, require significant investments and resources in order to compete effectively and there can be no assurance that we will achieve success in these markets. Furthermore, a decline in demand in one or several of our end-user markets could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our products and our results of operations.

We may not be able to compete successfully in markets within the semiconductor industry in the future.

We face intense technological and pricing competition in the semiconductor industry, and we expect this competition to increase in the future, including from companies located outside of the United States. Many companies have sufficient financial, manufacturing, technical, sales and marketing resources to develop and market products that compete with our products. Some of our competitors may have more advantageous supply or development relationships with our current and

potential customers or suppliers. Our competitors also include emerging companies selling specialized products in markets we serve and entities outside of the U.S., including entities associated with efforts by foreign governments to create indigenous semiconductor industries. Competition is generally based on design and quality of products, product performance, features and functionality, and product pricing, availability and capacity, with the relative importance of these factors varying among products, markets and customers. Existing or new competitors may develop products or technologies that more effectively address the demands of our customers and markets with enhanced performance, features and functionality, lower power requirements, greater levels of integration or lower cost. In addition, as we seek to expand our business, including the design and production of products and services for the IoT market, we may encounter increased competition from our current competitors and/or new competitors. Increased competition in certain markets has resulted in and may continue to result in declining average selling prices, reduced gross margins and loss of market share in those markets. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully in the future against existing or new competitors, or that our operating results will not be adversely affected by increased competition. In addition, the semiconductor industry has experienced significant consolidation over the past several years. Consolidation among our competitors could lead to a changing competitive landscape, which could negatively impact our competitive position and market share and harm our results of operations.

We rely on third-party suppliers, subcontractors and manufacturers for some industry-standard wafers, manufacturing processes, assembly and test services, and transportation, and we generally cannot control their availability or conditions of supply.

We rely, and plan to continue to rely, on suppliers, assembly and test subcontractors, freight carriers, and third-party wafer fabricators to supply most of our wafers that can be manufactured using industry-standard submicron processes. This reliance involves several risks, including reduced control over availability, capacity utilization, delivery schedules, manufacturing yields, and costs. We currently source approximately 60% of our wafer requirements annually from third-party wafer fabrication foundries, primarily Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, or TSMC. In addition, these suppliers often provide manufacturing services to our competitors and therefore periods of increased industry demand may result in capacity constraints. In certain instances, the third-party supplier is the sole source of highly specialized processing services. If our suppliers are unable or unwilling to manufacture and deliver components to us on the time schedule and of the quality or quantity that we require or provide us with required manufacturing processes, we may be forced to seek to engage additional or replacement suppliers, which could result in additional expenses and delays in product development or shipment of product to our customers. If additional or replacement suppliers or manufacturing processes are not available, we may also experience delays in product development or shipment which could, in turn, result in the temporary or permanent loss of customers.

The markets for semiconductor products are cyclical, and increased production may lead to overcapacity and lower prices, and conversely, we may not be able to satisfy unexpected demand for our products.

The cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry has resulted in periods when demand for our products has increased or decreased rapidly. If we expand our operations and workforce too rapidly or procure excessive resources in anticipation of increased demand for our products, and that demand does not materialize at the pace at which we expect, or declines, or if we overbuild inventory in a period of decreased demand, our operating results may be adversely affected as a result of increased operating expenses, reduced margins, underutilization of capacity or asset impairment charges. These capacity expansions by us and other semiconductor manufacturers could also lead to overcapacity in our target markets which could lead to price erosion that would adversely impact our operating results. Conversely, during periods of rapid increases in demand, our available capacity may not be sufficient to satisfy the demand. In addition, we may not be able to expand our workforce and operations in a sufficiently timely manner, procure adequate resources and raw materials, locate suitable third-party suppliers, or respond effectively to changes in demand for our existing products or to demand for new products requested by our customers, and our current or future business could be materially and adversely affected.

Our semiconductor products are complex and we may be subject to product warranty and indemnity claims, which could result in significant costs and damage to our reputation and adversely affect the market acceptance of our products.

Semiconductor products are highly complex and may contain defects when they are first introduced or as new versions are developed. We generally warrant our products to our customers for one year from the date title passes from us. We invest significant resources in the testing of our products; however, if any of our products contain defects, we may be required to incur additional development and remediation costs, pursuant to warranty and indemnification provisions in our customer contracts and purchase orders. These problems may divert our technical and other resources from other product development efforts and could result in claims against us by our customers or others, including liability for costs associated with product recalls, which may adversely impact our operating results. We may also be subject to customer indemnity claims. Our customers have on occasion been sued, and may be sued in the future, by third parties alleging infringement of intellectual property rights, or damages resulting from use of our products. Those customers may seek indemnification from us under the terms and conditions of our sales contracts with them. In certain cases, our potential indemnification liability may be significant. If any of our

products contains defects, or has reliability, quality or compatibility problems, our reputation may be damaged, which could make it more difficult for us to sell our products to existing and prospective customers and could also adversely affect our operating results.

We have manufacturing processes that utilize a substantial amount of technology as the fabrication of integrated circuits is a highly complex and precise process. Minute impurities, contaminants in the manufacturing environment, difficulties in the fabrication process, defects in the masks used in the wafer manufacturing process, manufacturing equipment failures, wafer breakage or other factors can cause a substantial percentage of wafers to be rejected or numerous dice on each wafer to be nonfunctional. While we have significant expertise in semiconductor manufacturing, it is possible that some processes could become unstable. This instability could result in manufacturing delays and product shortages, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

We are involved in frequent litigation, including claims regarding intellectual property rights, which could be costly to bring or defend and could require us to redesign products or pay significant royalties.

The semiconductor industry is characterized by frequent claims and litigation involving patent and other intellectual property rights, including claims arising under our contractual obligations to indemnify our customers. Other companies or individuals have obtained patents covering a variety of semiconductor designs and processes, and we might be required to obtain licenses under some of these patents or be precluded from making and selling infringing products, if those patents are found to be valid and infringed by us. In the event a third party makes a valid intellectual property claim against us and a license is not available to us on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, we could be forced either to redesign or to stop production of products incorporating that intellectual property, and our operating results could be materially and adversely affected. Litigation may be necessary to enforce our patents or other of our intellectual property rights or to defend us against claims of infringement, and this litigation could be costly and divert the attention of our key personnel. We could also be subject to litigation or arbitration disputes arising under our contractual obligations, as well as indemnity, warranty or product liability claims that could lead to significant costs and expenses as we defend those claims or pay damage awards. There can be no assurance that we are adequately insured to protect against all claims and potential liabilities, and we may elect to self-insure with respect to certain matters. We may incur costs and expenses relating to a recall of our customers' products due to an alleged failure of components we supply. An adverse outcome in litigation or arbitration could have a material adverse effect on our financial position or on our operating results or cash flows in the period in which the dispute is resolved.

We may be unable to adequately protect our proprietary intellectual property rights, which may limit our ability to compete effectively.

Our future success depends, in part, on our ability to protect our intellectual property. We primarily rely on patent, mask work, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as nondisclosure agreements and other methods, to protect our proprietary technologies and processes. Despite our efforts to protect our intellectual property, it is possible that competitors or other unauthorized third parties may obtain, copy, reverse engineer, use or disclose our technologies, products and processes. Moreover, the laws of foreign countries in which we design, manufacture, market and sell our products may afford little or no effective protection of our proprietary intellectual property.

There can be no assurance that the claims allowed in our issued patents will be sufficiently broad to protect our technology. In addition, any of our existing or future patents may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented. As such, any rights granted under these patents may not provide us with adequate protection. We may not be able to obtain foreign patents or pending applications corresponding to our U.S. patents and applications. Even if foreign patents are granted, effective enforcement in foreign countries may not be available. If our patents and mask works do not adequately protect our technology, our competitors may be able to offer products similar to ours. Our competitors may also be able to develop similar technology independently or design around our patents.

We generally enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees, consultants and strategic partners. We also try to control access to and distribution of our technologies, documentation and other proprietary information. Despite these efforts, internal or external parties may attempt to copy, disclose, obtain or use our products or technology without our authorization. Also, former employees may seek employment with our business partners, customers or competitors, and there can be no assurance that the confidential nature of our proprietary information will be maintained in the course of such future employment.

A significant disruption in, or breach in security of, our information technology systems could materially and adversely affect our business or reputation.

We rely on information technology systems throughout our Company to keep financial records and customer data, process orders, manage inventory, coordinate shipments to customers, maintain confidential and proprietary information, assist in

semiconductor engineering and other technical activities and operate other critical functions such as Internet connectivity, network communications and email. Our information technology systems may be susceptible to damage, disruptions or shutdowns due to power outages, hardware failures, telecommunication failures, user errors, catastrophes or other unforeseen events. If we were to experience a prolonged disruption in the information technology systems that involve our internal communications or our interactions with customers or suppliers, it could result in the loss of sales and customers and significant incremental costs, which could adversely affect our business. We may also be subject to security breaches caused by computer viruses, illegal break-ins or hacking, sabotage, or acts of vandalism by third parties. Our security measures or those of our third party service providers may not detect or prevent security breaches. In addition, we provide our confidential and proprietary information to our strategic partners in certain cases where doing so is necessary to conduct our business. While we employ confidentiality agreements to protect such information, nonetheless those third parties may also be subject to security breaches or otherwise compromise the protection of such information. Security breaches of our information technology systems or those of our partners could result in the misappropriation or unauthorized disclosure of confidential and proprietary information belonging to us or to our employees, partners, customers or suppliers, which could result in our suffering significant financial or reputational damage.

If we do not retain our key personnel, our ability to execute our business strategy will be adversely affected. Our continued success depends to a significant extent upon the recruitment, retention and effective succession of our executive officers and key management and technical personnel, particularly our experienced engineers. The competition for these employees is intense. The loss of the services of one or more of our key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. In addition, there could be a material adverse effect on our business should the turnover rates for engineers and other key personnel increase significantly or if we are unable to continue to attract and retain qualified personnel. We do not maintain any key person life insurance policy on any of our officers or employees.

To remain competitive, we may need to invest in or acquire other companies, purchase or license technology from third parties, or enter into other strategic transactions in order to introduce new products or enhance our existing products.

An element of our business strategy involves expansion through the acquisitions of businesses, assets, products or technologies that allow us to complement our existing product offerings, diversify our product portfolio, expand our market coverage, increase our engineering workforce or enhance our technological capabilities. We may not be able to find businesses that have the technology or resources we need and, if we find such businesses, we may not be able to invest in, purchase or license the technology or resources on commercially favorable terms or at all. Acquisitions, investments and technology licenses are difficult to identify and complete for a number of reasons, including the cost of potential transactions, competition among prospective buyers and licensees, the need for regulatory approvals, and difficulties related to integration efforts. Both in the U.S. and abroad, governmental regulation of acquisitions, including antitrust reviews and approvals, has become more complex, increasing the costs and risks of undertaking and consummating significant acquisitions. In order to finance a potential transaction, we may need to raise additional funds by issuing securities or borrowing money. We may not be able to obtain financing on favorable terms, and the sale of our stock may result in the dilution of our existing shareholders or the issuance of securities with rights that are superior to the rights of our common shareholders.

Acquisitions also involve a number of risks, including:

- difficulty or delay integrating acquired technologies, operations and personnel with our existing businesses;
- diversion of management's attention in connection with both negotiating the transaction and integrating the assets;
- strain on managerial and operational resources as management tries to oversee larger or more complex operations;
- the future funding requirements for acquired companies, which may be significant;
- potential loss of key employees;
- exposure to unforeseen liabilities of acquired companies;
- higher than expected or unexpected costs relating to or associated with an acquisition and integrating the assets;
- difficulty realizing synergies and growth prospects of an acquisition in a timely manner or at all; and
- increased risk of costly and time-consuming litigation.

If we are unable to successfully address these risks, we may not realize some or all of the expected benefits of the acquisition, which may have an adverse effect on our business strategy, plans and operating results. We rely on supplies, services and manufacturing capacity located in geologically unstable areas, which could affect our ability to produce products.

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We, like many companies in the semiconductor industry, rely on supplies, services, internal manufacturing capacity, wafer fabrication foundries and other subcontractors in geologically unstable locations around the world. Earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding or other natural disasters may disrupt local semiconductor-related businesses and adversely affect manufacturing capacity, availability and cost of key raw materials, utilities and equipment, and availability of key services, including transport of our products worldwide. Our insurance may not adequately cover losses resulting from such disruptions. Any prolonged inability to utilize one of our manufacturing facilities, or those of our subcontractors or third-party wafer fabrication foundries, as a result of fire, flood, natural disaster, unavailability of utilities or otherwise, could result in a temporary or permanent loss of customers for affected products, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We are exposed to business, economic, political, legal, regulatory and other risks through our significant worldwide operations, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We have significant operations and manufacturing facilities outside the United States, including in Ireland and the Philippines. A significant portion of our revenue is derived from customers in international markets, and we expect that international sales will continue to account for a significant portion of our revenue in the future. Risks associated with our international business operations include the following:

- political, legal and economic changes or instability and civil unrest in foreign markets;
- currency conversion risks and exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations;
- limitations on the repatriation of earnings;
- economic disruption from terrorism and threats of terrorism and the response to them by the U.S. and its allies;
- increased managerial complexities, including different employment practices and labor issues;
- greater difficulty enforcing intellectual property rights and weaker laws protecting such rights;
- complex and varying government regulations and legal standards, particularly with respect to price protection, competition practices, export control regulations and restrictions, customs and tax requirements, anti-boycott regulations, data privacy, intellectual property, anti-corruption and environmental compliance, including U.S. customs and export regulations and restrictions, including International Traffic in Arms Regulations and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;
- natural disasters or pandemics;
- transportation disruptions and delays and increases in labor and transportation costs;
- changes to foreign taxes, tariffs and freight rates;
- trade and travel restrictions or government sanctions, including restrictions imposed by the U.S. government on trading with parties in foreign countries;
- fluctuations in raw material costs and energy costs;
- greater difficulty in accounts receivable collections and longer collection periods; and
- costs associated with our foreign defined benefit pension plans.

Any of these risks, or any other risks related to international business operations, could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Many of these risks are present in China. While we expect to continue to expand our business and operations in China, our success in the Chinese markets may be adversely affected by China's continuously evolving policies, laws and regulations, including those relating to taxation, import and export tariffs or restrictions, currency controls, antitrust, the environment, indigenous innovation and the promotion of a domestic semiconductor industry, and intellectual property rights and enforcement and protection of those rights. Enforcement of existing laws or agreements may be inconsistent. In addition, changes in the political environment, governmental policies, international trade policies and relations, or U.S.-China relations could result in revisions to laws or regulations or their interpretation and enforcement, exposure of our proprietary intellectual property, increased taxation, and restrictions on imports, import duties or currency revaluations, which could have an adverse effect on our business plans and operating results.

At July 30, 2016, our principal source of liquidity was \$3.8 billion of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, of which approximately \$0.9 billion was held in the United States and the remaining balance was held outside the

United States in various foreign subsidiaries. As we intend to reinvest our foreign earnings indefinitely, this cash held outside the United States is not readily available to meet our cash requirements in the United States. We require a substantial amount of cash in the United States for operating requirements, stock repurchases, cash dividends and acquisitions. If we are unable to address our U.S. cash requirements through operations, borrowings under our current credit facility, future debt or equity offerings or other sources of cash obtained at an acceptable cost, it may be necessary for us to consider repatriation of earnings that are permanently reinvested, and we may be required to pay additional taxes under current tax laws, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our operating results are dependent on the performance of independent distributors.

A significant portion of our sales are through independent distributors that are not under our control. These independent distributors generally represent product lines offered by several companies and thus could reduce their sales efforts applied to our products or they could terminate their representation of us. We generally do not require letters of credit from our distributors and are not protected against accounts receivable default or declarations of bankruptcy by these distributors. Our inability to collect open accounts receivable could adversely affect our operating results. Termination of a significant distributor or a group of distributors, whether at our initiative or the distributor's initiative or through consolidation in the distribution industry, could disrupt our current business, and if we are unable to find suitable replacements, our operating results could be adversely affected.

We are subject to environmental, health and safety (EHS) regulations, which could increase our expenses and affect our operating results.

Our industry is subject to EHS requirements, particularly those environmental requirements that control and restrict the sourcing, use, transportation, emission, discharge, storage and disposal of certain chemicals, minerals, elements and materials used or produced in the semiconductor manufacturing process. Public attention to environmental, sustainability and social responsibility concerns continues to increase, and our customers routinely include stringent environmental and other standards in their contracts with us. Changes in EHS laws or regulations may require us to invest in costly equipment or alter the way our products are made and may adversely affect the sourcing, supply and pricing of materials used in our products. In addition, we use hazardous and other regulated materials that subject us to risks of strict liability for damages caused by potential or actual releases of such materials. Any failure to control such materials adequately or to comply with existing or future EHS statutory or regulatory standards, requirements or contractual obligations could result in liability for damages and remediation; the imposition of regulatory penalties and civil and criminal fines; the suspension or termination of the development, manufacture, sale or use of certain of our products; changes to our manufacturing processes or a need to substitute materials that may cost more or be less available; damage to our reputation; and/or increased expenses associated with compliance, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

If we fail to comply with government contracting regulations, we could suffer a loss of revenue or incur price adjustments or other penalties.

Some of our revenue is derived from contracts with agencies of the United States government and subcontracts with its prime contractors. As a United States government contractor or subcontractor, we are subject to federal contracting regulations, including the Federal Acquisition Regulations, which govern the allowability of costs incurred by us in the performance of United States government contracts. Certain contract pricing is based on estimated direct and indirect costs, which are subject to change. Additionally, the United States government is entitled after final payment on certain negotiated contracts to examine all of our cost records with respect to such contracts and to seek a downward adjustment to the price of the contract if it determines that we failed to furnish complete, accurate and current cost or pricing data in connection with the negotiation of the price of the contract.

In connection with our United States government business, we are also subject to government audits and to review and approval of our policies, procedures, and internal controls for compliance with procurement regulations and applicable laws. In certain circumstances, if we do not comply with the terms of a contract or with regulations or statutes, we could be subject to downward contract price adjustments or refund obligations or could in extreme circumstances be assessed civil and criminal penalties or be debarred or suspended from obtaining future contracts for a specified period of time. Any such suspension or debarment or other sanction could have an adverse effect on our business.

Under some of our government subcontracts, we are required to maintain secure facilities and to obtain security clearances for personnel involved in performance of the contract, in compliance with applicable federal standards. If we were unable to comply with these requirements, or if personnel critical to our performance of these contracts were unable to obtain or maintain their security clearances, we might be unable to perform these contracts or compete for other projects of this nature, which could adversely affect our revenue.

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If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow, we may not be able to service our debt obligations, including making payments on our outstanding senior unsecured notes.

In June 2013, we issued in a public offering \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.875% senior unsecured notes due June 1, 2023 (the 2023 Notes). In December 2015, we issued in a public offering \$850.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.9% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2025 (the 2025 Notes) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.3% senior unsecured notes due December 15, 2045 (the 2045 Notes, and together with the 2023 Notes and the 2025 Notes, the Notes). Our ability to make payments of principal and interest on our indebtedness when due depends upon our future performance, which will be subject to general economic conditions, industry cycles and financial, business and other factors affecting our consolidated operations, many of which are beyond our control. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to service our outstanding debt, we may be required to, among other things:

- seek additional financing in the debt or equity markets;
- refinance or restructure all or a portion of our indebtedness, including the Notes;
- borrow under our existing revolving credit facility;
- divert funds that would otherwise be invested in our operations;
- repatriate earnings at higher tax rates that are permanently reinvested in foreign locations;
- sell selected assets; or
- reduce or delay planned capital expenditures or operating expenditures.

Such measures might not be sufficient to enable us to service our debt, including the Notes, which could negatively impact our financial results. In addition, any such financing, refinancing or sale of assets might not be possible on economically favorable terms.

Restrictions in our revolving credit facility and outstanding debt instruments may limit our activities.

Our current revolving credit facility and the Notes impose, and future debt instruments to which we may become subject may impose, restrictions that limit our ability to engage in activities that could otherwise benefit our Company, including to undertake certain transactions, to create certain liens on our assets and to incur certain subsidiary indebtedness. Our ability to comply with these financial restrictions and covenants is dependent on our future performance, which is subject to prevailing economic conditions and other factors, including factors that are beyond our control such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates, changes in technology and changes in the level of competition. In addition, our revolving credit facility requires us to maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. If we breach any of the covenants under our revolving credit facility or the indentures governing the Notes and do not obtain appropriate waivers, then, subject to applicable cure periods, our outstanding indebtedness thereunder could be declared immediately due and payable or we may be restricted from further borrowing under our revolving credit facility.

Our stock price may be volatile.

The market price of our common stock has been volatile in the past and may be volatile in the future, as it may be significantly affected by factors including:

- global economic conditions generally;
- crises in global credit, debt and financial markets;
 - actual or anticipated fluctuations in our revenue and operating results;
- changes in financial estimates or other statements made by securities analysts or others in analyst reports or other publications or our failure to perform in line with those estimates or statements or our published guidance;
- changes in market valuations of other semiconductor companies;
- rumors and speculation in the press, investment community or on social media about us or other companies in our industry;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant new products, technical innovations, material transactions, acquisitions or dispositions, litigation, capital commitments or revised earnings estimates;
- departures of key personnel;

alleged noncompliance with laws, regulations or ethics standards by us or any of our employees, officers or directors; and
negative media publicity targeting us or our suppliers, customers or competitors.

The stock market has historically experienced volatility, especially within the semiconductor industry, that often has been unrelated to the performance of particular companies. These market fluctuations may cause our stock price to fall regardless of our operating results.

Our directors and executive officers periodically sell shares of our common stock in the market, including pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plans. Regardless of the individual's reasons for such sales, securities analysts and investors could view such sales as a negative indicator and our stock price could be adversely affected as a result.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On July 26, 2016, we entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Linear Technology Corporation (“Linear”), an independent manufacturer of high performance linear integrated circuits. As a result of this proposed acquisition of Linear, we have temporarily suspended our share repurchase program.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)	Average Price Paid Per Share (b)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (c)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
May 1, 2016 through May 28, 2016	403,449	\$ 55.92	399,506	\$ 792,501,619
May 29, 2016 through June 25, 2016	7,528	\$ 56.03	—	\$ 792,501,619
June 26, 2016 through July 30, 2016	678	\$ 58.70	—	\$ 792,501,619
Total	411,655	\$ 55.92	399,506	\$ 792,501,619

(a) Includes 12,149 shares withheld by us from employees to satisfy minimum employee tax obligations upon vesting of restricted stock units granted to our employees under our equity compensation plans.

The average price paid per share of stock repurchased under the stock repurchase program includes the commissions paid to the brokers. The average price paid for shares in connection with vesting of restricted stock units are averages of the closing stock price at the vesting date which is used to calculate the number of shares to be withheld.

Shares repurchased pursuant to the stock repurchase program publicly announced on August 12, 2004.

(c) On February 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an increase to the current authorization for the stock repurchase program by \$600.0 million to \$1.0 billion in the aggregate. In the aggregate, our Board of Directors has authorized us to repurchase \$6.2 billion of our common stock under the program. Under the repurchase program, we may repurchase outstanding shares of our common stock from time to time in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of our Board of Directors, the repurchase program will expire when we have repurchased all shares authorized for repurchase under the repurchase program.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

The exhibits listed in the Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits are filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and such Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ANALOG DEVICES, INC.

Date: August 17, 2016 By: /S/ VINCENT ROCHE
Vincent Roche
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: August 17, 2016 By: /S/ DAVID A. ZINSNER
David A. Zinsner
Senior Vice President, Finance
and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 26, 2016, by and among Analog Devices, Inc., Linear Technology Corporation and Tahoe Acquisition Corp. filed as exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 1-7819) as filed with the Commission on July 29, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference.
31.1†	Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Executive Officer).
31.2†	Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Financial Officer).
32.1†	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (Chief Executive Officer).
32.2†	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (Chief Financial Officer).
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.**
101.SCH	XBRL Schema Document.**
101.CAL	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document.**
101.LAB	XBRL Labels Linkbase Document.**
101.PRE	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document.**
101.DEF	XBRL Definition Linkbase Document.**
†	Filed or furnished herewith.
**	Submitted electronically herewith.

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at July 30, 2016 and October 31, 2015, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended July 30, 2016 and August 1, 2015 and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and nine months ended July 30, 2016.