

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

OCTOBER 18, 1999

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE000-1803293-0835214(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5555 NE MOORE COURT HILLSBORO, OR 97124-6421 (Address of principal executive offices)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On October 18, 1999, Lattice Semiconductor Corporation, a Delaware corporation and the registrant herein, announced that it intends, subject to market and other conditions, to raise approximately \$200 million (excluding proceeds of the over-allotment option, if any) through an offering of convertible subordinated notes to qualified institutional investors. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

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Press Release dated October 18, 1999.

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SIGNATURE

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

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION

Date: October 20, 1999

By: /s/ Stephen Skaggs Name: Stephen Skaggs Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Description

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Press Release dated October 18, 1999.

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR ANNOUNCES OFFERING OF CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED NOTES

HILLSBORO, Ore., Oct. 18 / -- Lattice Semiconductor Corporation today announced that it intends, subject to market and other conditions, to raise approximately \$200 million (excluding proceeds of the over-allotment option, if any) through an offering of convertible subordinated notes to qualified institutional investors. No other details were provided.

The Company stated that it intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay the bank debt incurred to acquire Vantis Corporation in June 1999.

This news release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the securities. Any offers of the securities will be made only by means of a private offering memorandum. The securities to be offered will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or applicable state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or available exemptions from such registration requirements.

Oregon-based Lattice Semiconductor Corporation designs, develops and markets the broadest range of high-performance ISP(TM) programmable logic devices (PLDs). Lattice introduced ISP devices to the industry in 1992. Lattice acquired Vantis, the Corporation that invented the PLD, in June 1999. With double the engineering and sales resources, the combined Company will focus on developing and delivering innovative programmable products to a complementary customer base.

Lattice/Vantis products are sold worldwide through an extensive network of independent sales representatives and distributors, primarily to OEM customers in the communication, computing, industrial and military end markets. Company headquarters are located at 5555 N.E. Moore Court, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124 U.S.A.; Telephone 503-268-8000; FAX 503-268-8037. For more information on access our Web site at: WWW.LATTICESEMI.COM.

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