UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 27, 2014

Lattice Semiconductor Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-18032 (Commission File Number) <u>93-0835214</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5555 N. E. Moore Court <u>Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-6421</u> (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(503) 268-8000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 23, 2014, Lattice Semiconductor Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's financial results for the third quarter ended September 27, 2014. A copy of the press release is furnished (not filed) as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated October 23, 2014 (furnished herewith).

SIGNATURES

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

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joe Bedewi Joe Bedewi

Date: October 23, 2014

Corporate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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NEWS RELEASE

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LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2014 RESULTS

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue of \$86.6 million, a decrease of 12.8% from \$99.3 million in 2Q14 and a decrease of 0.7% from \$87.2 million in 3Q13.
- Net income of \$0.08 per basic and diluted share, compared to net income of \$0.10 per basic and diluted share in 2Q14 and net income of \$0.08 per basic and diluted share in 3Q13.
- Gross margin of 58.7%, compared to 55.4% in 2Q14 and 53.2% in 3Q13.

HILLSBORO, OR - October 23, 2014 - Lattice Semiconductor Corporation (NASDAQ: LSCC), the leader in low power, small form factor and customizable solutions announced financial results today for the fiscal third quarter ended September 27, 2014.

For the third quarter, revenue was \$86.6 million, a decrease of 12.8% from \$99.3 million reported in the prior quarter, and a decrease of 0.7% from the \$87.2 million reported in the same quarter a year ago.

Net income for the third quarter was \$9.4 million (\$0.08 per basic and diluted share), compared to the prior quarter net income of \$11.8 million (\$0.10 per basic and diluted share) and net income of \$8.8 million (\$0.08 per basic and diluted share) reported in the same quarter a year ago.

Darin G. Billerbeck, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "The breadth and diversity of our customer base helped us mitigate the impact of the overall weakness in the consumer and communications markets. Even with the LTE buildouts in China slowing and high-end smartphone sales becoming more competitive, we delivered higher than expected EPS. This is a testament to our focus on improving our cost structure, while balancing our investments in the markets we serve. Overall, we expect to deliver double digit growth in both revenue and EPS for the full year 2014, as compared to the full year 2013."

Joe Bedewi, Corporate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, added, "Revenue in the third quarter of 2014 was impacted by softness in the consumer, and communications markets. Notwithstanding, we achieved gross margins of 58.7%, above the high-end of our expectations. We continued to execute on our business strategy, and are benefiting from a robust product mix and strength in our distribution network. We reduced operating expenses below plan to \$40.4 million, as compared to \$41.9 million in the prior quarter. During the third quarter we repurchased approximately 227,000 shares at a cost of \$1.7 million. We have approximately \$18.3 million left under our previously authorized \$20 million repurchase program, under which we may continue to repurchase shares through February 2015. Our balance of cash and investments increased approximately \$10 million to end the third fiscal quarter with approximately \$257 million."

Recent Business Highlights:

- Citizen Watch Selects Lattice: Lattice's iCE40[™] FPGAs are enabling Citizen Watch to bring to market its innovative Eco-Drive Satellite Wave F100 wristwatch, the world's thinnest, fastest satellite-synchronizing watch. Lattice's solution provided the smallest form factor for processing data received from GPS satellites and computing precise time, faster than any processor for running Citizen's custom algorithms and without the need to develop an ASIC.
- Launched World's First Programmable USB 3.1 Type-C Solution: Lattice launched a USB 3.1 Type-C power delivery solution that enables
 manufacturers to immediately develop USB 3.1 Type-C connectors and quickly get them to market. The new solution, the world's first
 programmable USB 3.1 Type-C solution, is designed to help customers speed development of next-generation USB connectors, which are typically
 very small jacks well suited to smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices.
- Volume Production of Industry-Leading MachXO3L[™] Family in New, Even Smaller Packages, and New Lower Cost Options: Lattice announced volume production of its MachXO3L family in four tiny packages as small as 2.5 mm x 2.5 mm. This will help further expand on the already 200 existing customers using MachXO3L devices across a wide range of markets, including industrial, communications and consumer. Lattice also launched two new low-cost breakout boards that enable designers to evaluate the MachXO3L device's hard IP, versatile I/O and other capabilities. These releases solidify the MachXO3L family's lead in enabling engineers to quickly solve complex design problems in applications as diverse as industrial infrastructure and smart connected devices.

Business Outlook - Fourth Quarter 2014:

- Revenue is expected to be approximately flat to down 4%, as compared to the third quarter of 2014.
- Gross margin percentage is expected to be approximately 57% plus or minus 2%.
- Total operating expenses are expected to be approximately flat, as compared to the third quarter of 2014.

Investor Conference Call / Webcast Details:

Lattice Semiconductor will review the Company's financial results for the third quarter of 2014 and business outlook for the fourth quarter of 2014 on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The conference call-in number is 1-888-286-6281 or 1-706-643-3761 with conference identification number 9570867. A live webcast of the conference call will also be available on Lattice's website at www.latticesemi.com. The Company's financial guidance will be limited to the comments on its public quarterly earnings call and the public business outlook statements contained in this press release.

A replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the conclusion of the live call through 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 6, 2014, by telephone at 1-404-537-3406. To access the replay, use conference identification number 9570867. A webcast replay will also be available on Lattice's investor relations website at www.latticesemi.com.

Forward-Looking Statements Notice:

The foregoing paragraphs contain forward-looking statements that involve estimates, assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include statements relating to: our expectation that we will deliver double digit growth in both revenue and EPS for the full year 2014, as compared to the full year 2013; our repurchase of additional shares of our common stock through February 2015; and those statements under the heading "Business Outlook - Fourth Quarter 2014" relating to expected revenue, gross margin and total operating expenses. Other forward-looking statements may be indicated by words such as "will," "could," "should," "would," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "intend," "forecast," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "propose," "potential," "continue" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Lattice believes the factors identified below could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

Estimates of future revenue are inherently uncertain due to, among other things, the high percentage of quarterly "turns" business. In addition, revenue is affected by such factors as global economic conditions, which may affect customer demand, pricing pressures, competitive actions, the demand for our Mature, Mainstream and New products, and in particular our iCE40TM, MachXOTM and LatticeECP3TM devices, the ability to supply products to customers in a timely manner, changes in our distribution relationships, or the volatility of our consumer business. Actual gross margin percentage and operating expenses could vary from the estimates on the basis of, among other things, changes in revenue levels, changes in product pricing and mix, changes in wafer, assembly, test and other costs, including commodity costs, variations in manufacturing yields, the failure to sustain operational improvements, the actual amount of compensation charges due to stock price changes. Any unanticipated declines in revenue or gross margin, any unanticipated increases in our operating expenses or unanticipated charges could adversely affect our profitability.

In addition to the foregoing, other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this press release include global economic uncertainty, overall semiconductor market conditions, market acceptance and demand for our new products, the Company's dependencies on its silicon wafer suppliers, the impact of competitive products and pricing, technological and product development risks, and the other risks that are described in this press release and that are otherwise described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

About Lattice Semiconductor:

Lattice Semiconductor (NASDAQ: LSCC) is the leader in low power, small form factor, low cost, customizable solutions for a quickly changing connected world. From making smart consumer devices smarter, to enabling intelligent automation in

industrial, or connecting anything to everything in communications, electronics manufacturers around the world use Lattice's solutions for fast time to market, product innovation, and competitive differentiation. For more information, visit <u>www.latticesemi.com</u>. You can also follow us via <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> or <u>RSS</u>.

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Lattice Semiconductor Corporation Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | | | | Nine Months Ended | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|
| | Sept | tember 27, 2014 | | June 28, 2014 | 9 | September 28, 2013 | 5 | September 27, 2014 | Sej | otember 28, 2013 |
| Revenue | \$ | 86,570 | \$ | 99,320 | \$ | 87,154 | \$ | 282,527 | \$ | 243,006 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | | 35,759 | | 44,345 | | 40,778 | | 122,603 | | 113,365 |
| Research and development | | 22,053 | | 22,302 | | 20,254 | | 65,594 | | 58,635 |
| Selling, general and administrative | | 17,645 | | 18,832 | | 16,385 | | 55,226 | | 49,955 |
| Acquisition related charges | | 737 | | 737 | | 737 | | 2,211 | | 2,223 |
| Restructuring | | 2 | | 3 | | 85 | | 16 | | 257 |
| | | 76,196 | | 86,219 | | 78,239 | | 245,650 | | 224,435 |
| Income from operations | | 10,374 | | 13,101 | | 8,915 | | 36,877 | | 18,571 |
| Other income, net | | 53 | | 906 | | 346 | | 1,268 | | 240 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | | 10,427 | | 14,007 | | 9,261 | | 38,145 | | 18,811 |
| Provision for income taxes | | 1,021 | | 2,236 | | 417 | | 4,984 | | 3,037 |
| Net income | \$ | 9,406 | \$ | 11,771 | \$ | 8,844 | \$ | 33,161 | \$ | 15,774 |
| Net income per share: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.10 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.14 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.10 | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.13 |
| Shares used in per share calculations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | | 118,643 | | 117,904 | | 116,055 | | 117,661 | | 115,730 |
| Diluted | | 120,970 | | 120,944 | _ | 117,349 | _ | 120,449 | | 117,093 |

Lattice Semiconductor Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands) (unaudited)

| | Sep | December 28, 2013 | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|----|---------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and short-term marketable securities | \$ | 257,138 | \$ | 215,815 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 49,762 | | 50,085 |
| Inventories | | 65,074 | | 46,222 |
| Other current assets | | 16,634 | | 13,679 |
| Total current assets | | 388,608 | | 325,801 |
| Property and equipment, net | | 40,070 | | 41,719 |
| Long-term marketable securities | | — | | 5,241 |
| Other long-term assets | | 9,561 | | 6,120 |
| Intangible assets, net of amortization | | 10,274 | | 12,484 |
| Goodwill | | 44,808 | | 44,808 |
| Deferred income taxes | | 8,824 | | 11,703 |
| | \$ | 502,145 | \$ | 447,876 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities | \$ | 49,249 | \$ | 51,113 |
| Deferred income and allowances on sales to sell-through distributors | | 11,294 | | 7,495 |
| Total current liabilities | | 60,543 | | 58,608 |
| Other long-term liabilities | | 7,173 | | 3,588 |
| Total liabilities | | 67,716 | | 62,196 |
| Stockholders' equity | | 434,429 | | 385,680 |
| | \$ | 502,145 | \$ | 447,876 |

Lattice Semiconductor Corporation - Supplemental Historical Financial Information -

| | Three Months Ended | | | Nine Months Ended | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| | 9/27/2014 | 6/28/2014 | 9/28/2013 | 9/27/2014 | 9/28/2013 | |
| Operations Information | | | | | | |
| Percent of Revenue | | | | | | |
| Gross Margin | 58.7% | 55.4% | 53.2% | 56.6% | 53.3% | |
| R&D Expense | 25.5% | 22.5% | 23.2% | 23.2% | 24.1% | |
| SG&A Expense | 20.4% | 19.0% | 18.8% | 19.5% | 20.6% | |
| Depreciation and amortization (in thousands) | 5,240 | 5,773 | 5,210 | 16,873 | 15,172 | |
| Capital expenditures (in thousands) | 1,998 | 2,480 | 3,400 | 6,873 | 10,237 | |
| Stock compensation expense (in thousands) | 3,134 | 3,320 | 2,562 | 9,544 | 6,985 | |
| Restructuring and severance related charges (in thousands) | 76 | 403 | 376 | 569 | 548 | |
| Taxes paid (cash, in thousands) | 292 | 418 | 126 | 1,090 | 1,082 | |
| Balance Sheet Information | | | | | | |
| Current Ratio | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | | | |
| A/R Days Revenue Outstanding | 52 | 60 | 55 | | | |
| Inventory Months | 5.6 | 4.0 | 3.1 | | | |
| Revenue% (by Product Family) | | | | | | |
| PLD | 69% | 65% | 70% | 66% | 69% | |
| FPGA | 31% | 35% | 30% | 34% | 31% | |
| Revenue% (by Product Classification) (1) | | | | | | |
| New | 46% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 46% | |
| Mainstream | 43% | 38% | 39% | 38% | 41% | |
| Mature | 11% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 13% | |
| Revenue% (by Geography) | | | | | | |
| Asia | 73% | 74% | 76% | 74% | 73% | |
| Europe (incl. Africa) | 17% | 16% | 14% | 16% | 15% | |
| Americas | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 12% | |
| Revenue% (by End Market) (2) | | | | | | |
| Communications | 41% | 44% | 35% | 42% | 37% | |
| Consumer | 23% | 26% | 36% | 27% | 31% | |
| Industrial | 36% | 30% | 29% | 31% | 32% | |
| Revenue% (by Channel) | | | | | | |
| Sell-through distribution | 51% | 42% | 41% | 27% | 44% | |
| Direct | 49% | 58% | 59% | 73% | 56% | |
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(1) New: LatticeECP5, MachXO3, LatticeECP3, MachXO2, Power Manager II, and iCE40 Mainstream: ispMACH 4000ZE, ispMACH 4000Z, LatticeSC, LatticeECP2/M, LatticeXP2, MachXO, ispClock A/D/S, Software and IP Mature: LatticeECP, LatticeXP, ispXPLD, ispXPGA, FPSC, ORCA 2, ORCA 3, ORCA 4, ispPAC, isplsi 8000V, ispMACH 5000B, ispMACH 2LV, ispMACH 5LV, ispLSI 2000V, ispLSI 5000V, ispMACH 5000VG, all 5-volt CPLDs, ispGDX2, GDX/V, ispMACH 4/LV, iCE65, ispClock, Power Manager I, all SPLDs

* Product categories are modified as appropriate relative to our portfolio of products and the generation within each major product family. New products consist of our latest generation of products, while Mainstream and Mature are older or based on unique late stage customer-based production needs. Generally, product categories are adjusted every two to three years, at which time prior periods are reclassified to conform to the new categorization. In the first fiscal quarter 2014 we reclassified our New, Mainstream and Mature product categories to better reflect our current product portfolio.

(2) During the second quarter of fiscal 2014, the Company condensed its End Market categories. All periods presented have been revised accordingly.