UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2011

ON Semiconductor Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-30419 (Commission File Number)

36-3840979 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

ON Semiconductor Corporation 5005 E. McDowell Road Phoenix, Arizona (Address of principal executive offices)

85008 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 602-244-6600

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 27, 2011, ON Semiconductor Corporation and Cypress Semiconductor Corporation issued a joint press release announcing the signing of a definitive agreement on January 26, 2011 to acquire the CMOS Image Sensor Business Unit from Cypress Semiconductor Corporation. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired
 - Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information
 - Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions
 - Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 27, 2011 entitled "ON Semiconductor Signs Definitive Agreement to Acquire CMOS Image Sensor Business Unit from Cypress"

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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.

January 31, 2011

ON SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: <u>/S/ DONALD A. COLVIN</u>

Donald A. Colvin Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release

ON Semiconductor Signs Definitive Agreement to Acquire CMOS Image Sensor Business Unit from Cypress

Acquisition will position ON Semiconductor as a leading supplier of ultra-high-speed CMOS image sensors and a Top 10 worldwide image sensor supplier

Sale will sharpen Cypress's focus on programmable solutions

PHOENIX, Ariz. and SAN JOSE, Calif. – **Jan. 27, 2011** – ON Semiconductor (Nasdaq: <u>ONNN</u>), a premier supplier of high performance silicon solutions for energy efficient electronics, and Cypress Semiconductor Corp. (Nasdaq: <u>CY</u>) today announced that a definitive agreement has been signed for ON Semiconductor to acquire the CMOS Image Sensor Business Unit (ISBU) from Cypress in an all cash transaction for approximately \$31.4 million. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2011, subject to customary closing conditions.

Cypress's broad portfolio of high-performance custom and standard CMOS image sensors are used in multi-megapixel digital photography and cinematography, machine vision, linear and two dimensional (2D) bar code imaging, medical x-ray imaging, biometrics and aerospace applications. The company's products include the VITA, LUPA, STAR and IBIS families, which are well known throughout the industry.

The ISBU will become an integrated part of ON Semiconductor's Digital, Military/Aerospace and Image Sensor (DMI) division.

"The acquisition of the Image Sensor Business Unit from Cypress will solidify our position as a leading supplier of CMOS Image Sensor products," said Bob Klosterboer, senior vice president and general manager of ON Semiconductor's Digital and Mixed Signal Group (DMSG). "In addition, the acquisition will strengthen the company's talent base and add an experienced design and applications engineering team for the image sensor market segment. The 2D high-speed CMOS image sensors from the ISBU will significantly strengthen and complement ON Semiconductor's image sensor products for the industrial, medical, computing and military/aerospace markets."

"The sale of our image sensor business will enable Cypress to continue to focus on programmable products including our flagship PSoC® programmable systemon-chip solution and our TrueTouch[™] touch-sensing controllers," said T.J. Rodgers, Cypress president and CEO. "Our image sensor team has done a remarkable job in recent years advancing its core technologies and broadening its target markets. We believe that ON Semiconductor represents the right home for the business, and that the sale, upon its completion, represents the best possible outcome for our existing customers."

ON Semiconductor's current products target one dimensional image sensing with particular focus on contact image sensing and ambient/proximity sensors. Once the acquisition is closed, the company will have a complete image sensing product offering between 1D and 2D sensors and across multiple end-markets.

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Pursuant to the agreement, ON Semiconductor is expected to acquire approximately 100 patents and patent applications related exclusively to the business and receive appropriate intellectual property licenses from Cypress Semiconductor in order to continue to conduct and grow the business. As part of the transaction, approximately 80 Cypress Semiconductor ISBU employees will join the ON Semiconductor organization.

Upon the closing, ON Semiconductor may record one-time charges related to the transaction. The amounts of such charges, if any, have not yet been determined.

About Cypress

Cypress delivers high-performance, mixed-signal, programmable solutions that provide customers with rapid time-to-market and exceptional system value. Cypress offerings include the flagship PSoC® programmable system-on-chip families and derivatives such as PowerPSoC® solutions for high-voltage and LED lighting applications, CapSense® touch sensing and TrueTouch[™] solutions for touchscreens. Cypress is the world leader in USB controllers, including the high-performance West Bridge® solution that enhances connectivity and performance in multimedia handsets. Cypress is also a leader in high-performance memories and programmable timing devices. Cypress serves numerous markets including consumer, mobile handsets, computation, data communications, automotive, industrial and military. Cypress trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol CY. Visit Cypress online at <u>http://www.cypress.com/</u>.

About ON Semiconductor

ON Semiconductor (Nasdaq: ONNN) is a premier supplier of high performance silicon solutions for energy efficient electronics. The company's broad portfolio of power and signal management, logic, discrete and custom devices helps customers efficiently solve their design challenges in <u>automotive</u>, <u>communications</u>, <u>computing</u>, <u>consumer</u>, <u>industrial</u>, <u>LED lighting</u>, <u>medical</u>, <u>military/aerospace and power applications</u>. ON Semiconductor operates a world-class, value-added supply chain and a network of manufacturing facilities, sales offices and design centers in key markets throughout North America, Europe, and the Asia Pacific regions. For more information, visit <u>http://www.onsemi.com</u>.

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This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements related to the consummation, timing, charges and benefits of the acquisition by ON Semiconductor Corporation ("ON") of the Image Sensor Business Unit ("ISBU") from Cypress Semiconductor. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to us as of the date of this release and current expectations, forecasts and assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include a variety of factors, some of which are beyond our control. In particular, such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, difficulties encountered in

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consummating the transaction and then integrating the ISBU; the possibility that expected benefits and cost savings may not materialize as expected; the variable demand and the aggressive pricing environment for semiconductor products; the ability to successfully manufacture in increasing volumes on a cost-effective basis and with acceptable quality for products; the adverse impact of competitive product announcements; revenues and operating performance; poor economic conditions and markets, including the current credit markets; the cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry; changes in demand for our products; changes in inventories at customers and distributors; technological and product development risks; availability of raw materials; competitors' actions; pricing and gross margin pressures; loss of key customers; order cancellations or reduced bookings; changes in manufacturing yields; control of costs and expenses; significant litigation; risks associated with acquisitions and dispositions generally; risks associated with leverage and restrictive covenants in debt agreements; risks associated with international operations including foreign employment and labor matters associated with unions and collective bargaining agreements; such as health care reform; risks and costs associated with increased and new regulation of corporate governance and disclosure standards; and risks involving environmental or other governmental regulation. Information concerning additional factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements is contained in ON Semiconductor's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. These forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made.

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