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CURRENT REPORT

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

December 12, 2000 Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

85008

(Zip Code)

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

> 602-244-6600 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

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Attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99 is a copy of a press release for ON Semiconductor Corporation dated December 12, 2000 titled "ON Semiconductor Updates Fourth Quarter Earnings Estimates."

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.
 - (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired Not applicable.
 - (b) Pro Forma Financial Information Not applicable.
 - (c) Exhibits
- Exhibit Number Description
 - 99 Press release for ON Semiconductor Corporation dated December 12, 2000 titled "ON Semiconductor Updates Fourth Quarter Earnings Estimates."

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.

ON SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: December 12, 2000

By: /S/ DARIO SACOMANI

Dario Sacomani Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President

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Description

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ON SEMICONDUCTOR UPDATED FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS ESTIMATES

Phoenix, Ariz. - (Dec. 12, 2000) - ON Semiconductor Corporation (Nasdaq: ONNN) today announced that sales for the Company's fourth quarter ending December 31, 2000 are expected to be down 7% - 9% from the third quarter of 2000, with earnings per share expected to be 10-12 cents excluding amortization of goodwill and other intangibles. Prior expectations for the fourth quarter were flat sequential revenues and earnings per share of 18 cents excluding amortization of goodwill and other intangibles. In the third quarter of fiscal 2000, the Company reported total revenues of \$543 million and net income of about \$30 million, or 17 cents per share.

Commenting on the near-term outlook, Steve Hanson, president and CEO of ON Semiconductor stated "Overall demand has softened in recent weeks and customers have delayed or cancelled existing orders to manage their inventories in line with their incoming business. Consequently, turns for the quarter have been lower than normal. We are experiencing the same softness in the computing, communications and consumer markets that has been observed by most of our competitors and customers."

Looking further out, the Company expects revenues for the first quarter of 2001 to be down 5%-7% from estimated revenues for the fourth quarter of 2000. Hanson added, "We expect the softness to continue throughout the first quarter of next year at which time our customers' inventory levels should correct and business should strengthen throughout the remainder of fiscal '01. We are addressing this short-term environment with appropriate cost controls while continuing to invest in the growth of new products focused on broadband and power management."

About ON Semiconductor

ON Semiconductor designs and manufactures analog power management and broadband integrated circuits. The Company plans to introduce over 400 new products in 2000, anticipating the need for faster data flow for computing on the Internet and more efficient use of power in wireless, consumer, computing and automotive markets. ON Semiconductor serves its customers through a global supply chain of factories located in Arizona (headquarters), Rhode Island, China, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, and the Philippines as well as through a global network of distributors and contract manufacturers. For more information, visit ON Semiconductor's Web site at http://www.onsemi.com

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