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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):

September 8, 2008

Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

(Commission

77-0083129 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

of Incorporation)

File Number) 2975 Stender Way, Santa Clara, California 95054

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

0-21488

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(408) 542-1000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 8, 2008, Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc. (Catalyst) and ON Semiconductor Corporation (ON) issued a joint press release regarding ON s proposed acquisition of Catalyst. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed transaction involving ON and Catalyst. In connection with the proposed transaction, ON has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-153164) containing a proxy statement/prospectus and each of ON and Catalyst have filed with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive proxy statement/ prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of Catalyst on or about September 11, 2008. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by ON and Catalyst through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC from ON by directing a request to ON Semiconductor Corporation, 5005 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, Attention: Investor Relations (telephone: (602) 244-3437) or going to ON s corporate website at www.onsemi.com, or from Catalyst by directing a request to Catalyst Semiconductor, Inc., 2975 Stender Way, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Attention: Investor Relations (telephone: (408) 542-1000) or going to Catalyst s corporate website at www.catsemi.com. Catalyst stockholders needing assistance with voting may also contact Catalyst s proxy advisor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., at (212) 929-5500 (Collect) or (800) 322-2885 (Toll-Free).

ON and Catalyst, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding ON s directors and executive officers is contained in its annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 4, 2008. Information regarding Catalyst s directors and executive officers is contained in Catalyst s Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on August 14, 2008. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) <u>Exhibits</u>.

Exhibit NumberDescription99.1Press Release issued jointly by ON Semiconductor Corporation and Catalyst

Semiconductor, Inc., dated September 8, 2008.

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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.

CATALYST SEMICONDUCTOR, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ David Eichler David Eichler Vice President of Finance and Administration

and Chief Financial Officer

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Date: September 8, 2008

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