

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR CORP
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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) November 3, 2016

Lattice Semiconductor Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-18032
(Commission

File No.)
111 SW Fifth Ave, Ste 700

93-0835214
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Portland, Oregon 97204

(Address of principal executive offices) (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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 3, 2016, Lattice Semiconductor Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), issued a joint press release announcing entry into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), by and among the Company, Canyon Bridge Acquisition Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Parent), and Canyon Bridge Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (Merger Sub), providing for the merger of Merger Sub with and into the Company (the Merger), with the Company as the surviving entity, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. The full text of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements made herein, including, for example, the expected date of closing of the Merger and the potential benefits of the Merger, are forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Statements that include the words expect, intend, plan, believe, project, anticipate, will, may, would and similar statements of a future or forward-looking nature may be used to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect the current analysis of the management of the Company of existing information as of the date of these forward-looking statements and are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, and are not guarantees of future results or achievements. Consequently, no forward-looking statements may be guaranteed and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by such forward looking statements will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, the Company or its businesses or operations. As a result, you should not place undue reliance on any such statements and caution must be exercised in relying on forward-looking statements. Due to known and unknown risks, our actual results may differ materially from our expectations or projections.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the delay or termination of the Merger Agreement; the outcome or length of any legal proceedings that have been, or will be, instituted related to the Merger Agreement; the inability to complete the Merger due to the failure to timely or at all obtain stockholder approval for the Merger or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the Merger, including the receipt on a timely basis or at all any required regulatory clearances related to the Merger, including under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (HSR) and from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS); the failure of Parent to obtain or provide on a timely basis or at all the necessary financing as set forth in the equity commitment letter delivered pursuant to the Merger Agreement; risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations and the potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the Merger; the effects of local and national economic, credit and capital market conditions on the economy in general; and the other risks and uncertainties described herein, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed from time to time in our other reports and other public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) as described below. The foregoing review of important factors that could cause actual events to differ from expectations should not be construed as exhaustive.

Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact our expectations and projections can be found in our periodic filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2016, and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended April 2, 2016 and July 2, 2016. Our SEC filings are available publicly on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, on the Company's website at ir.latticesemi.com or upon request from the Company's Investor Relations Department at lsc@globalirpartners.com. Except to the extent required by applicable law, we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information about the Proposed Merger And Where To Find It

In connection with the proposed Merger, the Company will file a proxy statement with the SEC. Additionally, the Company plans to file other relevant materials with the SEC in connection with the proposed Merger. The definitive proxy statement will be sent or given to the stockholders of the Company and will contain important information about the proposed Merger and related matters. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS FILED WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED MERGER BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER AND THE PARTIES TO THE MERGER. The materials to be filed by the Company with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov or upon request from the Company's Investor Relations Department at lsc@globalirpartners.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors will, and certain other members of its management and its employees as well as Parent and Merger Sub and their directors and officers may, be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of Company stockholders in connection with the proposed Merger. Investors and security holders may obtain more detailed information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of the Company's executive officers and directors in the solicitation by reading the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2016, the Company's proxy statement on Schedule 14A for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and the proxy statement and other relevant materials filed with the SEC in connection with the Merger if and when they become available. Additional information concerning the interests of the Company's participants in the solicitation, which may, in some cases, be different than those of the Company's stockholders generally, will be set forth in the proxy statement relating to the Merger when it becomes available.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Joint press release issued by the Company and Parent on November 3, 2016 |

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

Dated: November 3, 2016

By: /s/ Byron W. Milstead

Name: Byron W. Milstead

Title: Corporate Vice President and General Counsel

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