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

February 8, 2016 Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)



Cutera, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-50644 (Commission File Number) 77-0492262 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

3240 Bayshore Blvd. Brisbane, California 94005 (Address of principal executive offices)

(415) 657-5500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 8, 2016, we are issuing a press release and holding a conference call regarding our financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for 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, 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.

Date: February 8, 2016

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Cutera, Inc. dated as of February 8, 2016.

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.

CUTERA, INC.

/s/ KEVIN P. CONNORS Kevin P. Connors President and Chief Executive Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Cutera Reports Fourth Quarter 2015 Results

- Sixth Consecutive Quarter of Double-Digit Revenue Growth
- Revenue Increased 18% to \$30.0 million
- EPS: \$0.15 and Non-GAAP EPS: \$0.25
- Generated \$3.9 Million of Cash from Operations
- Board Approved \$10 million of Stock Repurchase Program

BRISBANE, California, February 8, 2016 — Cutera, Inc. (NASDAQ: <u>CUTR</u>) ("Cutera" or the "Company"), a leading provider of laser and energy-based aesthetic systems for practitioners worldwide, today reported financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015.

Key highlights for the fourth quarter of 2015 were as follows:

- Revenue increased 18% to \$30.0 million and was driven by both product portfolio strength as well as global sales productivity improvements;
 - Product revenue grew 24%, led by a 30% increase in North America and 14% in Rest of World ("ROW");
 - For 2015, Product revenue grew by 49% in North America, compared to 2014;
 - Gross margin improved to 60% —the highest quarterly gross margin since 2009;
- GAAP Net income was \$2.1 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share;
- Non-GAAP* Net income was \$3.4 million, or \$0.25 per diluted share, after adjusting for \$1.4 million of non-cash expenses related to stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization of intangibles;

- **Cash and investments:** generated \$3.9 million of cash from operations during the quarter and used \$3.5 million in the stock repurchase program bringing the balance as of December 31, 2015 to \$48.4 million, or \$3.73 per outstanding share;
- **Stock repurchase program:** Board approved an incremental \$10 million. In 2015, the Company repurchased \$40 million of stock.

Kevin Connors, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cutera, stated, "We are pleased to conclude 2015 with our sixth consecutive quarter of double-digit revenue growth, and essentially on par with our highest revenue quarter in our history. Our return to profitability demonstrated our ability to expand revenue, while controlling operating expense levels, enabling us to realize operating leverage in our business model. Our steady improvement in gross margin during 2015 is an indicator of our ability to improve operating leverage through a balance of strong revenue growth and cost reduction initiatives by our Engineering and Operations teams."

Product revenue grew by \$3.5 million, or 30%, in North America and \$1.1 million, or 14%, in ROW despite continued currency headwinds, compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. The Company estimates that its international revenue was negatively impacted in the fourth quarter of 2015 by approximately \$1.0-\$1.5 million due to the appreciation of the US dollar, compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. From a product perspective, the Company experienced strong growth from several of its legacy products as well as the recently launched products. In particular, *enLighten*TM, the flagship picosecond and nanosecond tattoo removal and benign pigmented lesion treatment laser, continued to demonstrate global appeal and has become a major revenue contributor for the Company.

Gross margin improved to 60%, which was one of management's key goals for 2015. The improved gross margin was a critical driver in the Company returning to profitability and generating cash from operations. In addition, a higher ratio of direct versus distributed business, contributed to improved fourth quarter 2015 gross margin performance.

"In 2015, we made very deliberate choices to drive revenue growth organically through investing internally in people and projects. The present strength and breadth of our product offering, as well as our commercial results, validate the path we chose. In 2016, we plan to make a new product announcement at the March American Academy of Dermatology meeting in Washington DC, expand the sales headcount to facilitate continued revenue growth, improve the productivity of our sales team further and continue to drive our product costs down to improve gross margins.

"We look forward to a strong 2016 as we continue to expand market share and improve financial results. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our global customers for their belief and partnership with Cutera, as well as our worldwide employees for their dedication and commitment to building our Company," concluded Mr. Connors.

Non-GAAP Income Statement Measures (Unaudited)

*To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, Cutera has provided certain Non-GAAP income statement measures for net income and net income per diluted share, which exclude non-cash expenses for stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization of intangibles. The presentation of this financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. Management believes that the adjusted financial results are more reflective of the cash-basis results of operations as well as comparable to similar measures used by other companies.

Conference Call

The conference call to discuss these results is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. PST (5:00 p.m. EST) on February 8, 2016. Participating in the call will be Kevin Connors, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ron Santilli, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The call will be broadcast live over the internet hosted at the Investor Relations section of Cutera's website, and will be archived online within one hour of its completion through 8:59 p.m. PST (11:59 p.m. EST) on February 22, 2016. In addition, you may call 1-877-705-6003 to listen to the live broadcast.

About Cutera, Inc.

Brisbane, California-based Cutera is a leading provider of laser and other energy-based aesthetic systems for practitioners worldwide. Since 1998, Cutera has been developing innovative, easy-to-use products that enable physicians and other qualified practitioners to offer safe and effective aesthetic treatments to their patients. For more information, call 1-888-4CUTERA or visit www.cutera.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Specifically, statements concerning Cutera's plans to introduce new products, expand its salesforce, ability to increase revenue, reduce expenses, improve financial results, make productivity improvements, grow the Company's market share, realize benefits from additional investment, improve or maintain profitability, penetrate the market, generate cash from operations, plans for stock repurchases and statements regarding long-term prospects and opportunities in the laser and other energy-based equipment aesthetic market, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current, preliminary expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties, which may cause Cutera's actual results to differ materially from the statements contained herein. Potential risks and uncertainties that could affect Cutera's business and cause its financial results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements include those related to the Company's efforts to improve sales productivity, hire and retain qualified sales representatives, improve revenue growth, gross margins and profitability through leveraging operating expenses; unforeseen events and circumstances relating to the Company's operations; government regulatory actions; and those other factors described in the section entitled, "Risk Factors" in its most recent Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2nd, 2015. Undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements or circumstances after the date they were made, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Cutera's financial performance for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015, as discussed in this release, is preliminary and unaudited, and subject to adjustment.

CUTERA, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

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17,897		20,400
		11,679
60%		13,820
		54%
9,899		9,356
2,812		2,649
3,189		3,407
15,900		15,412
1,997		(1,592)
105		8
2,102		(1,584)
52		41
2,050	\$	(1,625)
0.16	\$	(0.11)
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CUTERA, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2015					
					Non-GAAP	
		GAAP		justments	As Adjusted*	
Net revenue	\$	30,042	\$	— \$		
Cost of revenue		12,145		(272) (a)	11,873	
Gross profit		17,897		272	18,169	
Gross margin %		60%			60%	
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing		9,899		(438) (b)	9,461	
Research and development		2,812		(160) (c)	2,652	
General and administrative		3,189		(501) (d)	2,688	
Total operating expenses		15,900		(1,099)	14,801	
Income from operations		1,997		1,371	3,368	
Interest and other income, net		105		—	105	
Income before income taxes		2,102		1,371	3,473	
Provision for income taxes		52		— (e)	52	
Net income	\$	2,050	\$	1,371 \$	3,421	
Net income per share:						
Basic	\$	0.16	\$	0.10 \$	0.26	
Diluted	\$	0.15	\$	0.10 \$	0.25	
Weighted-average number of shares used in per share calculations:						
Basic		12,978		12,978	12,978	
Diluted		13,591		13,591	13,591	

a) Adjustment of \$272,000 included a non-cash charge of \$154,000 related to depreciation and amoritizaiton expense and \$118,000 of stock based compensation expense.

b) Adjustment of \$438,000 included a non-cash charge of \$111,000 related to depreciation expense and \$327,000 of stock based compensation expense. c) Adjustment of \$160,000 included a non-cash charge of \$8,000 related to depreciation expense and \$152,000 of stock based compensation expense.

d) Adjustment of \$501,000 included a non-cash charge of \$1,000 related to depreciation expense and \$500,000 of stock based compensation expense.

e) There was no material impact to the Company's income tax provision resulting from the aforementioned adjustments, given the Company carries a full valuation allowance against its U.S. federal and state net deferred tax assets.

* Fiscal fourth quarter 2015 Non-GAAP pro-forma results exclude the effect of the aforementioned adjustments.

CUTERA, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands) (unaudited)

	December 31, September 30, 2015 2015			December 31, 2014	
Assets				-	
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,868	\$	10,055	\$	9,803
Marketable investments	37,539		37,689		71,343
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable investments	 48,407		47,744		81,146
Accounts receivable, net	11,669		9,013		11,137
Inventories	12,078		13,479		10,988
Deferred tax asset	-		69		26
Other current assets and prepaid expenses	 1,675		1,977		1,591
Total current assets	 73,829		72,282		104,888
Property and equipment, net	1,473		1,386		1,461
Deferred tax asset, net of current portion	350		291		269
Intangibles, net	143		227		595
Goodwill	1,339		1,339		1,339
Other long-term assets	384		392		361
Total assets	\$ 77,518	\$	75,917	\$	108,913
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,959	\$	2,659	\$	3,083
Accrued liabilities	13,834		12,234		11,007
Deferred revenue	8,638		8,470		8,898
Total current liabilities	 24,431		23,363		22,988
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	2,287		2,495		4,346
Income tax liability	182		187		145
Other long-term liabilities	584		538		926
Total liabilities	 27,484		26,583		28,405
Stockholders' equity	50,034		49,334		80,508
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 77,518	\$	75,917	\$	108,913

CUTERA, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands) (unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			
	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$	2,050	\$	(1,625)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:					
Stock-based compensation		1,097		1,001	
Depreciation and amortization		274		347	
Impairment of intangible assets		—		650	
Other		14		(16)	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(2,660)		(2,305)	
Inventories		1,401		118	
Accounts payable		(700)		365	
Accrued liabilities		2,143		2,035	
Deferred revenue		(40)		(97)	
Other		310		(5)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,889		468	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Acquisition of property, equipment and software		(43)		(344)	
Net change in marketable investments		(16)		(2,099)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(59)		(2,443)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repurchases of common stock		(3,469)		_	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and employee stock purchase plan		507		436	
Payments on capital lease obligations		(55)		(35)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(3,017)		401	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		813		(1,574)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		10.055		11,377	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	10,868	\$	9,803	

CUTERA, INC. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (in thousands, except percentage data) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended				% Change		
	Q4 2015			Q4 2014	Q4 '15 Vs Q4 '14		
Revenue By Geography:							
United States	\$	16,882	\$	13,761	+23%		
International		13,160		11,738	+12%		
	\$	30,042	\$	25,499	+18%		
International as a percentage of total revenue		44%		46%			
Revenue By Product Category:							
Products							
-North America	\$	15,048	\$	11,538	+30%		
-Rest of the World		8,926		7,796	+14%		
Total Products		23,974		19,334	+24%		
Service		4,562		4,532	+1%		
Hand Piece Refills		706		844	-16%		
Skincare		800		789	+1%		
	\$	30,042	\$	25,499	+18%		

	Three Months Ended				
	 Q4 2015	Q4 2014			
e-tax Stock-Based Compensation Expense:					
Cost of revenue	\$ 118	\$	144		
Sales and marketing	327		227		
Research and development	152		175		
General and administrative	500		455		
	\$ 1,097	\$	1,001		