

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

December 30, 2011
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

CUTERA®

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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 3, 2012, Cutera, Inc. issued a press release disclosing preliminary revenue for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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 8.01. Other Events.

On January 3, 2012, Cutera, Inc. issued a press release announcing the acquisition of certain assets related to a line of business from IRIDEX Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Cutera, Inc. dated as of January 3, 2012.
99.2	Press Release of Cutera, Inc. dated as of January 3, 2012.

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.

Date: January 3, 2012

/s/ KEVIN CONNORS

Kevin Connors
President and Chief Executive Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Cutera Announces Fourth Quarter, 2011 Preliminary Revenue

Company to Present at the 14th Annual Needham Growth Conference

BRISBANE, Calif., January 3, 2012 -- Cutera, Inc. (NASDAQ: CUTR), a leading provider of laser and other light-based aesthetic systems for practitioners worldwide, today announced that preliminary revenue for the fourth quarter 2011 was approximately \$18 million.

Kevin Connors, president and CEO of Cutera, stated, "We are pleased with our third consecutive quarter of double digit revenue growth, compared to the respective periods in 2010. The planned acquisition of IRIDEX' global aesthetic business announced today, further broadens our vascular product offering, strengthens our strategy of expanding into the core-markets and provides us with cross selling opportunities to an expanded installed base of customers."

Kevin Connors, will be presenting at the 14th Annual Needham Growth Conference to be held on January 10-12, 2012 at the **New York Palace Hotel, New York**. The audio portion of the presentation will be webcast live, and a replay will be available on the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.cutera.com.

The Company expects to report fourth quarter, 2011 financial results on Monday February 13, 2012.

About Cutera, Inc.

Brisbane, California-based Cutera is a leading provider of laser and other light-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.

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, forward-looking statements contained in this press release specifically include the expectations of the Company's revenue for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011, which is preliminary and unaudited, subject to adjustment and subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, which may cause actual results to differ materially from those implied or expressed by the forward-looking statements. In addition, the forward looking statements in this release is subject to 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 7, 2011. Undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. Cutera undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date they were made, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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For Immediate Release

Cutera and IRIDEX Announce Acquisition of IRIDEX' Aesthetic Business Unit

Purchase positions Cutera as a leader in the vascular aesthetic market; and refocuses IRIDEX on core ophthalmology opportunity

Brisbane, Calif. and Mountain View, Calif. — January 3, 2012—Cutera, Inc. (NASDAQ: CUTR) and IRIDEX Corporation (NASDAQ: IRIX) today announced that the companies have entered into a binding agreement for Cutera to purchase certain assets of IRIDEX' global aesthetic business for approximately \$5.1 million.

Currently, both companies serve the approximately \$1 billion growing global aesthetic market, with IRIDEX' strength in vascular treatments, a mainstay in the dermatology specialty. This proposed strategic combination is expected to advance Cutera's presence among core physicians worldwide and create a stronghold in the vascular aesthetic sector.

"We are pleased to announce this transaction with IRIDEX which illustrates our strategy to leverage our products in the core markets and strengthens our global footprint, particularly in Europe," said Kevin Connors, president and chief executive officer of Cutera. "Combined, we'll offer one of the most comprehensive portfolios of vascular laser solutions in the industry today. With Cutera's premium Excel V™ laser to IRIDEX' portable VariLite™ dual wavelength system, we'll enable physicians to effectively treat a wider range of vascular aesthetic indications at multiple price points."

Dominik Beck, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of IRIDEX, said, "The acquisition of our aesthetic laser assets by Cutera places that technology and those customers in very capable hands and allows us to refocus all of our resources on the substantial and growing ophthalmology opportunity that is core to IRIDEX' future. We will continue to strengthen our domestic and international ophthalmology presence by leveraging the brand equity and relationships established in that business over three decades and by driving a new paradigm in the treatment of retinal diseases. We thank our employees and channel partners who have worked diligently on IRIDEX aesthetic technologies. Their tremendous contributions have made possible our progress in the growing worldwide aesthetics laser industry."

Kevin Connors further stated, "We are committed to providing the same high quality service that our collective customers have come to expect, and to capitalize on cross-selling opportunities to the over 6,000 physicians that IRIDEX, and their previous acquisition of Laserscope Corporation, has served worldwide. Lastly, we expect to leverage the dedicated employees of IRIDEX' aesthetic business unit and welcome their contributions at Cutera."

The transaction is expected to close in early 2012 and has been approved by both boards of directors. Cutera expects to fund the acquisition through its existing cash resources. IRIDEX will continue supporting its customers worldwide until Cutera assumes this responsibility after closing. The parties have also entered into an agreement for IRIDEX to supply Cutera with transitional product and service support. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Specifically, statements concerning the features, effectiveness, treatable conditions, and the potential market size for Cutera's new product, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and may be affected by various factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements and those other factors described in the section entitled, "Risk Factors", in Cutera's most recent Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 2011. Undue reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. Cutera undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date they were made, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

About IRIDEX Corporation

IRIDEX Corporation was founded in 1989 and is a worldwide leader in developing, manufacturing, and marketing innovative and versatile laser-based medical systems and delivery devices. We provide solutions for multiple specialties, including ophthalmology, dermatology and otolaryngology. We maintain a deep commitment to the success of our customers, with comprehensive technical, clinical, and service support programs. IRIDEX is dedicated to a standard of excellence, offering superior technology for superior results. IRIDEX products are sold in the United States through a direct sales force and internationally through a combination of a direct sales force and a network of approximately 100 independent distributors into 107 countries. For further information, visit our website at <http://www.IRIDEX.com>.

This announcement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, relating to the Company's plans to focus on new products and increase revenues. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors. Please see a detailed description of these and other risks contained in IRIDEX' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2011 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended April 2, 2011, July 2, 2011 and October 1, 2011, each of which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are made as of this date and will not be updated.

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