SANDISK CORP Form 8-K January 23, 2013

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): January 23, 2013

SanDisk Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26734 77-0191793 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

601 McCarthy Boulevard, Milpitas, California 95035 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 801-1000

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 23, 2013, SanDisk Corporation (the "Registrant") issued a press release to report its financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 30, 2012.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. In addition to the condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the attached press release contains non-GAAP measures of operating results, net income and net income per share, which are adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain expenses, gains and losses. These non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of the Registrant's current financial performance and its prospects for the future. Specifically, the Registrant believes the non-GAAP results provide useful information to both management and investors as these non-GAAP results exclude certain expenses, gains and losses that it believes are not indicative of its core operating results and because it is consistent with the financial models and estimates published by many analysts who follow the Registrant. For example, because the non-GAAP results exclude the expenses the Registrant recorded for share-based compensation, the amortization and write-off of acquisition-related intangible assets related to acquisitions of Matrix Semiconductor, Inc. in January 2006, Pliant Technology, Inc. in May 2011, FlashSoft Corporation in February 2012 and Schooner Information Technology, Inc. in June 2012, non-cash economic interest expense associated with the Registrant's convertible debt, non-cash change in fair value of the liability component of the repurchased portion of the convertible debt and related tax adjustments, the Registrant believes the inclusion of non-GAAP financial measures provides consistency in its financial reporting. These non-GAAP results are some of the primary indicators management uses for assessing performance, allocating resources and planning and forecasting future periods. Further, management uses non-GAAP information that excludes certain non-cash charges, such as amortization and write-off of acquisition-related intangible assets, share-based compensation, non-cash economic interest expense associated with the convertible debt, non-cash change in fair value of the liability component of the repurchased portion of the convertible debt and related tax adjustments, as these non-GAAP charges do not reflect the cash operating results of the business or the ongoing results. These measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. These non-GAAP measures may be different than the non-GAAP measures used by other companies.

The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference to this or such filing. The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall be deemed to be "furnished" and therefore shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

Description of Document

Press Release of SanDisk Corporation dated January 23, 2013 to report its financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 30, 2012.

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.

Date: January 23, 2013

SANDISK CORPORATION

By: /s/ Judy Bruner Name: Judy Bruner

Executive Vice President, Administration and Chief

Title: Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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