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)

May 5, 2011



MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware (State Or Other Jurisdiction Of Incorporation)

0-21184

(Commission File No.)

86-0629024

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2355 West Chandler Boulevard, Chandler, Arizona 85224-6199

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices)

(480) 792-7200

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- "Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- "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.

The information pursuant to Item 2.02 in this report on Form 8-K is being furnished as contemplated by General Instruction B(2) to Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

On May 5, 2011, we announced the results of our operations for the fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2011. The complete release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Microchip Technology Announces Record Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Results.

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.

Dated: May 5, 2011

Microchip Technology Incorporated (Registrant)

By: /s/ J. Eric Bjornholt J. Eric Bjornholt

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

EXHIBITS

99.1 Microchip Technology Announces Record Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Results.

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES RECORD FISCAL YEAR 2011 FINANCIAL RESULTS

· For Fiscal Year 2011:

§ RECORD NET SALES OF \$1.487 BILLION, UP 56.9% SEQUENTIALLY FROM THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

8 On a GAAP BASIS:

- Gross margin of 58.8%; record operating income of \$474.2 million; record net income from continuing operations of \$429.2 million and 28.9% of net sales; record eps from continuing operations of \$2.20 per diluted share.

§ ON A NON-GAAP BASIS:

- Gross margins of 60.1%; record operating income of \$534.3 million; record net income from continuing operations of \$462.3 million and 31.1% of sales; record EPS from continuing operations of \$2.39 per diluted share.
- § RECORD FISCAL YEAR REVENUE IN 8-BIT MICROCONTROLLERS, 16-BIT MICROCONTROLLERS, 32-BIT MICROCONTROLLERS AND ANALOG

• FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2011:

 \S Net Sales of \$380.0 million, up 3.3% sequentially and up 36.7% from the quarter ended March 31, 2010

§ On a GAAP basis:

- Gross margin of 59.4%; record operating income of \$124.4 million; record net income from continuing operations of \$130.6 million and 34.4% of net sales; record eps from continuing operations of 65 cents per diluted share, which includes favorable one-time tax events. There was no published First Call estimate for GAAP EPS.

§ On a non-GAAP basis:

- Gross margins of 60.2%; operating income of \$137.3 million; net income from continuing operations of \$119.0 million and 31.3% of sales; EPS from continuing operations of 59 cents per diluted share. The First Call published estimate was 57 cents for non-GAAP EPS.
- § Record quarterly revenue in microcontrollers, 16-bit microcontrollers, 32-bit microcontrollers, and licensing

CHANDLER, Arizona – May 5, 2011 – (NASDAQ: MCHP) – Microchip Technology Incorporated, a leading provider of microcontroller and analog semiconductors, today reported results for the three months and fiscal year ended March 31, 2011 as summarized in the following table:

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2011								Year Ended Ma	arch	31, 2011	
(in millions, except earnings per diluted share and			% of		Non-	% of		% of		Non-	% of
percentages)	(<u>GAAP</u>	Net Sales	9	GAAP ¹	Net Sales	<u>GAAP</u>	Net Sales		GAAP ¹	Net Sales
Net Sales	\$	380.0		\$	380.0		\$ 1,487.2		\$	1,487.2	
Gross Margin	\$	225.6	59.4%	\$	228.9	60.2%	\$ 874.4	58.8%	\$	894.1	60.1%
Operating Income	\$	124.4	32.7%	\$	137.3	36.1%	\$ 474.2	31.9%	\$	534.3	35.9%
Other Expense including Gains/Losses on Equity											
Method Investments	\$	4.3		\$	2.6		\$ 13.5		\$	6.6	
Income Tax Expense (benefit)	\$	(11.0)		\$	15.7		\$ 31.1		\$	65.4	
Net Income from Continuing Operations	\$	130.6	34.4%	\$	119.0	31.3%	\$ 429.2	28.9%	\$	462.3	31.1%
Earnings per Diluted Share from Continuing Operations ²	6	5 cents		5	9 cents		\$ 2.20		\$	2.39	
Net Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	\$	(5.1)	(1.3)%	\$	(5.1)	(1.3)%	\$ (10.2)	(0.7)%	\$	(7.5)	(0.5)%
Loss per Diluted Share from Discontinued Operations ²	3	3 cents			3 cents		5 cents			4 cents	

See the "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this release.

Consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011 were \$380.0 million, up 3.3% sequentially from net sales of \$367.8 million in the immediately preceding quarter, and up 36.7% from net sales of \$278.0 million in the prior year's fourth quarter. GAAP net income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011 was \$130.6 million, or 65 cents per diluted share, up 28.1% from GAAP net income of \$101.9 million, or 52 cents per diluted share, in the immediately preceding quarter, and up 72.4% from GAAP net income of \$75.7 million, or 40 cents per diluted share, in the prior year's fourth quarter. GAAP net income includes a one-time favorable tax benefit of \$24.4 million which includes the settlement of an IRS audit for tax years through March 31, 2008, and other one-time tax events.

Consolidated non-GAAP net income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011 was \$119.0 million, or 59 cents per diluted share, up 4.6% from non-GAAP net income of \$113.8 million, or 58 cents per diluted share, in the immediately preceding quarter, and up 37.3% from non-GAAP net income of \$86.7 million, or 46 cents per diluted share, in the prior year's fourth quarter. For the fourth fiscal quarter of both fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011, our consolidated non-GAAP results exclude the effect of share-based compensation, expenses related to our

² Earnings per share have been calculated based on the diluted shares outstanding of Microchip on a consolidated basis.

acquisition activities (including intangible asset amortization, inventory valuation costs, severance costs and legal and other administrative expenses associated with acquisitions), non-recurring tax events and non-cash interest expense on our convertible debentures. A reconciliation of our non-GAAP and GAAP results is included in this press release.

Consolidated net sales for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011 were a record \$1.487 billion, an increase of 56.9% from net sales of \$947.7 million in the prior fiscal year. On a GAAP basis, net income from continuing operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011 was a record \$429.2 million, or \$2.20 per diluted share, an increase of 97.8% from net income of \$217.0 million, or \$1.16 per diluted share in the prior fiscal year.

On a non-GAAP basis, consolidated net income from continuing operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011 was a record \$462.3 million, or \$2.39 per diluted share, an increase of 88.7% from net income of \$245.0 million, or \$1.32 per diluted share, in the prior fiscal year.

Microchip also announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of 34.6 cents per share. The quarterly dividend is payable on June 2, 2011 to stockholders of record on May 19, 2011. Microchip initiated quarterly cash dividend payments in the third quarter of fiscal 2003.

"Microchip's performance in the March 2011 quarter and in fiscal year 2011 was outstanding. We exceeded the high end of our gross margin and earnings per share guidance, even with the challenging backdrop of the world economy and the Japan crisis," said Steve Sanghi, President and CEO. "The March quarter marked our 82nd consecutive quarter of profitability and is a testimony to the resiliency of our business model."

Mr. Sanghi added, "Fiscal 2011 was a record year for Microchip in sales, profitability and earnings per share. Our 8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit and analog product lines all achieved new full year revenue records and our licensing business achieved a record quarterly revenue in the March 2011 quarter."

"In the March 2011 quarter our microcontroller business performed at the high end of our expectations, with revenue up 4% on a sequential basis, and up 17% from the year-ago quarter," said Ganesh Moorthy, Chief Operating Officer. "Our 16-bit microcontroller business was up 24% sequentially and was up 86% from the year-ago quarter. Our 32-bit microcontroller business was up 35% sequentially and was up 226% from the year-ago quarter. Our analog business was up 3.5% sequentially, and was up 45% from the year-ago quarter."

Eric Bjornholt, Microchip's Chief Financial Officer, said, "Inventory on Microchip's balance sheet at March 31, 2011 was \$180.8 million, representing 107 days of inventory, which was flat in days to the prior quarter level. Our internal target for inventory days is 115, and we plan to continue to build inventory towards that target to maintain short lead times and support our customer's delivery requirements. Inventory days at our distributors increased to 40 days, compared to 39 days at the end of the prior quarter."

Mr. Bjornholt continued, "Microchip's net cash and investment balance grew by \$135.3 million in the March quarter. We ended fiscal 2011 with \$1.71 billion of cash and investments and we expect continued strong cash generation in the June 2011 quarter."

Mr. Sanghi concluded, "We continue to evaluate the effects that the tragedy in Japan may have on our business. We have a strong backlog position for the June quarter, but there is still some uncertainty regarding the impact from the Japan crisis on the world economy. Taking these factors into consideration, we expect net sales in the June 2011 quarter to be up sequentially between 1% and 6%."

Microchip's Recent Highlights:

- · Microchip was named to the 2011 Forbes Global 2000, which is Forbes Magazine's list of the world's largest companies based on a composite ranking of sales, profits, assets and market value.
- Microchip was awarded EDN Magazine's 2010 Innovation Award in the "Human Machine Interface Technology" category, for our mTouchTM Metal Over Cap technology at the Embedded Systems Conference in San Jose, CA. Technical editors at EDN nominate the most unique, state-of-the-art electronics products, and collect readership votes via an online balloting process. EDN uses a combination of audience votes, balloting by the EDN Editorial Advisory Board, and voting by EDN's editorial staff to determine the ultimate winner in each category.
- The Company continued to expand its 32-bit PIC32 microcontroller portfolio with cost-effective memory options, while maintaining Ethernet, CAN and USB connectivity and best-in-class performance. Microchip's six new 32-bit microcontrollers also feature lower power consumption and higher Flash memory endurance.
- During the March quarter, Microchip shipped 44,657 development systems, demonstrating the continued strong interest in Microchip's products. The total cumulative number of development systems shipped now stands at 1,113,199.

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- · Microchip acquired Silicon Storage Technology, Inc. (SST) on April 8, 2010, and Microchip's March 31, 2011 financial results include the finalization of all purchase accounting related adjustments associated with the acquisition. Microchip's fiscal 2011 financial results include the results of SST and the fiscal 2010 financial results do not.
- · In the 16-bit arena, Microchip added eXtreme Low Power PIC® microcontrollers that feature 5V supply voltage, more memory in low pin counts, and mTouch™ capacitive sensing that works in Sleep.
- In order to provide developers with quick and easy methods for adding connectivity to their embedded designs, Microchip released three new tools for its 16- and 32-bit microcontrollers. Microchip's Bluetooth® kit provides an easy and cost-effective method for evaluating and adding Bluetooth connectivity to embedded designs. The Company's new consumer-band power-line soft-modem development kit features a 7.2 kbps software modem that enables low-cost communication and control in consumer and industrial applications. In the area of wireless Machine-to-Machine (M2M) communication, Microchip added a daughter board with GPS and GSM modules that makes it easy to create low-cost M2M applications with location-awareness capabilities.
- · Microchip's 8-bit microcontroller expansion also continued at a rapid pace, with three new families announced during the March quarter. The first was a cost-effective addition to Microchip's CAN microcontroller line, featuring 5.5V operation, eXtreme Low Power consumption and 16 MIPS performance, while enabling capacitive-touch-sensing user interfaces. The second was 20-pin family, featuring low cost, low power consumption and self-write Flash program memory. The third was a low-cost family with eXtreme Low Power consumption and integrated LCD control.
- · Microchip made two additions to its broad analog and interface portfolio. Its non-volatile Digital-to-Analog Converter (DAC) family was expanded with low-power, single-channel DACs that feature 8-, 10- and 12-bit voltage options and integrated non-volatile memory in small, 2 mm x 2 mm packages. New low-side devices were added to the Company's MOSFET Driver family, with peak output currents from 2A to 4.5A and an Enable Input Pin for shutdown, in popular packages. Additionally, Microchip's smoke-detector ICs, which enable 10-year operating life with a single Lithium battery, received UL certification.

· Microchip continued to expand its newest product category—Real-Time Clock/Calendars—with a low-cost device that features battery switchover, digital trimming and SRAM memory.

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2012 Outlook:

The following statements are based on current expectations. These statements are forward-looking, and actual results may differ materially.

Microchip Consolidated Guidance

	GAAP	Non-GAAP Adjustments1	Non-GAAP ¹
Results from Continuing Operations:			
Net Sales	\$383.8 to \$402.8 million		\$383.8 to \$402.8 million
Gross Margin ³	about 59.3%	\$3.8 to \$4.0 million	about 60.3%
Operating Expenses ³	26.25% to 26.5%	\$8.6 to \$9.1 million	24.0% to 24.25%
Other Income (Expense)	(\$4.5) million	\$1.8 million	(\$2.7) million
Tax Rate	about 12.25%	\$1.7 to \$1.8 million	about 12.25%
Net Income	\$106.5 to \$112.9 million	\$12.5 to \$13.1 million	\$119.0 to \$125.9 million
Diluted Common Shares Outstanding ²	205.2 million	0.7 million shares	204.5 million
Earnings per Diluted Share From Continuing Operations	52 to 55 cents	6 to 7 cents	58 to 62 cents

¹ See the "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section of this release.

- The diluted common shares outstanding presented in the guidance table above assumes an average Microchip stock price in the June 2011 quarter of \$40.00 per share. The estimated negative impact on our earnings per diluted share calculation resulting from the difference in our assumed average stock price for the June 2011 quarter as compared to the March 2011 quarter is about one cent, when combining the additional dilutive effect from our convertible debt, and the dilutive effect of outstanding equity awards.
- · Microchip's inventory at June 30, 2011 is expected to be 112 to 118 days as we continue to replenish our internal inventories to support our customers' needs. The actual inventory level will depend on the inventory that our distributors decide to hold to support their customers, overall demand for our products and our production levels.

² Earnings per share have been calculated based on the diluted shares outstanding of Microchip on a consolidated basis.

- · Capital expenditures for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 are expected to be approximately \$37 million. Capital expenditures for all of fiscal year 2012 are anticipated to be approximately \$125 million. We are continuing to take actions to invest in the equipment needed to support the expected net sales growth of our new products and technologies.
- · We expect net cash generation during the June quarter of approximately \$115 million to \$125 million prior to the dividend payment. The amount of expected net cash generation is also before the effect of any stock buy back activity.
- · Microchip's Board of Directors authorized a stock buy back of up to 10.0 million shares in December 2007. At March 31, 2011, approximately 2.5 million shares remained available for purchase under this program. Future purchases will depend upon market conditions, interest rates and corporate considerations.
- 1 Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures: Our Non-GAAP adjustments, where applicable, include the effect of share-based compensation, any gain or loss on trading securities, expenses related to our acquisition activities (including intangible asset amortization, purchased inventory costs, severance costs and legal and other general and administrative expenses associated with acquisitions), patent portfolio licenses, non-recurring tax events and non-cash interest expense on our convertible debentures and the related income tax implications of these items.

We are required to estimate the cost of certain forms of share-based compensation, including employee stock options, restricted stock units and our employee stock purchase plan, and to record a commensurate expense in our income statement. Share-based compensation expense is a non-cash expense that varies in amount from period to period and is affected by the price of our stock at the date of grant. The price of our stock is affected by market forces that are difficult to predict and are not within the control of management. The value of our trading securities varies in amount from period to period and is affected by fluctuations in the market prices of such securities that we cannot predict and are not within the control of management. The non-GAAP adjustments related to the impact of our acquisitions and a portion of our interest expense related to our convertible debentures are non-cash expenses related to such transactions. Our acquisitions of patent portfolio licenses and tax events related to IRS settlements, changes in tax regulations and the reinstatement of the R&D tax credit are non-recurring events in our business. Accordingly, management excludes all of these items from its internal operating forecasts and models.

We are using non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross profit percentage, non-GAAP operating expenses in dollars and as a percentage of sales including non-GAAP research and development expenses and non-GAAP selling, general and administrative expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP other expense, net including gains (losses) on equity method investments, non-GAAP income tax/tax rate, non-GAAP net income, and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share which exclude the items noted in the immediately preceding paragraph, as applicable, to permit additional analysis of our performance.

Management believes these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors because they enhance the understanding of our historical financial performance and comparability between periods. Many of our investors have requested that we disclose this non-GAAP information because they believe it is useful in understanding our performance as it excludes non-cash and other charges that many investors feel may obscure our underlying operating results. Management uses these non-GAAP measures to manage and assess the profitability of its business. Specifically, we do not consider such items when developing and monitoring our budgets and spending. As described above, the economic substance behind our decision to exclude such items relates either to these charges being non-cash in nature or to the one-time nature of the events or, in the case of our trading securities, because such item is difficult to predict and not within the control of management. Our determination of the above non-GAAP measures might not be the same as similarly titled measures used by other companies, and it should not be construed as a substitute for amounts determined in accordance with GAAP. There are limitations associated with using non-GAAP measures, including that they exclude financial information that some may consider important in evaluating our performance. Management compensates for this by presenting information on both a GAAP and non-GAAP basis for investors and providing reconciliations of the GAAP and non-GAAP results.

² Diluted Common Shares Outstanding can vary for, among other things, the trading price of our common stock, the actual exercise of options or vesting of restricted stock units, the potential for incremental dilutive shares from our convertible debentures (additional information regarding our share count is available in the investor relations section of our website under the heading "Supplemental Financial Information"), and the repurchase or the issuance of stock. The diluted common shares outstanding presented in the guidance table above assumes an average Microchip stock price in the June 2011 quarter of \$40.00 per share (however, we make no prediction as to what our actual share price will be for such period or any other period and we cannot estimate what our

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stock option exercise activity will be during the quarter). The estimated negative impact on our earnings per diluted share calculation resulting from the difference in our assumed average stock price for the June 2011 quarter as compared to the March 2011 quarter is about one cent, when combining the additional dilutive effect from our convertible debt, and the dilutive effect of outstanding equity awards.

3 Generally, gross margin fluctuates over time, driven primarily by the mix of microcontrollers, analog products and memory products sold and licensing revenue; variances in manufacturing yields; fixed cost absorption; wafer fab loading levels; inventory reserves; pricing pressures in our non-proprietary product lines; and competitive and economic conditions. Operating expenses fluctuate over time, primarily due to net sales and profit levels.

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in thousands except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ender March 31,			
		2011		2010		2011		2010	
Net sales	\$	379,985	\$	278,020	\$	1,487,205	\$	947,729	
Cost of sales		154,394		109,549		612,769		413,487	
Gross profit		225,591		168,471		874,436		534,242	
Operating expenses:									
Research and development		44,159		33,287		170,607		120,823	
Selling, general and administrative		56,885		46,697		227,781		167,222	
Special charges		186		-		1,865		1,238	
		101,230		79,984		400,253		289,283	
Operating income		124,361		88,487		474,183		244,959	
(Losses) gains on equity method investments		(28)		-		157		-	
Other expense, net		(4,304)		(4,490)	_	(13,642)		(7,146)	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		120,029		83,997		460,698		237,813	
Income tax (benefit) provision		(10,583)		8,248	_	31,531		20,808	
Net income from continuing operations		130,612		75,749		429,167		217,005	
Discontinued operations:									
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes		(5,754)		-		(11,126)		-	
Income tax benefit	_	(670)		-		(909)		<u>-</u>	
Net loss from discontinued operations		(5,084)		-		(10,217)		-	
Net income	\$	125,528	\$	75,749	\$	418,950	\$	217,005	
Basic net income per common share continuing operations	\$	0.69	\$	0.41	\$	2.29	\$	1.18	
Basic net loss per common share discontinued operations		(0.03)				(0.05)		<u> </u>	
Basic net income per common share	\$	0.66	\$	0.41	\$	2.24	\$	1.18	
Diluted net income per common share continuing operations	\$	0.65	\$	0.40	\$	2.20	\$	1.16	
Diluted net loss per common share discontinued operations		(0.03)				(0.05)		-	
Diluted net income per common share	\$	0.62	\$	0.40	\$	2.15	\$	1.16	
Basic common shares outstanding		188,933		184,665		187,066		183,642	
Diluted common shares outstanding		201,829		189,048		194,715		187,339	

MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

ASSETS

	March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)			March 31, 2010
Cash and short-term investments	\$	1,243,496	\$	1,214,323
Accounts receivable, net		181,202		137,806
Inventories		180,800		116,579
Other current assets		188,169		142,261
Total current assets		1,793,667		1,610,969
Property, plant & equipment, net		540,513		493,039
Long-term investments		464,838		317,215
Other assets		187,724	_	95,090
Total assets	\$	2,986,742	\$	2,516,313
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$	200,272	\$	104,449
Deferred income on shipments to distributors	•	140,044		98,941
Total current liabilities		340,316		203,390
Convertible debentures		347,334		340,672
Long-term income tax payable		58,125		57,140
Deferred tax liability		418,211		376,713
Other long-term liabilities		10,318		5,018
Stockholders' equity		1,812,438		1,533,380
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,986,742	\$	2,516,313

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MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP MEASURES

(in thousands except per share amounts and percentages) (Unaudited)

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP GROSS PROFIT TO NON-GAAP GROSS PROFIT

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ended March 31,			
	2011			2010		2011		2010	
Gross profit, as reported	\$	225,591	\$	168,471	\$	874,436	\$	534,242	
Share-based compensation expense		1,409		2,209		6,825		7,054	
Acquisition-related acquired inventory valuation costs and intangible asset amortization		1,861		669		12,887		2,537	
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	228,861	\$	171,349	\$	894,148	\$	543,833	
Non-GAAP gross profit percentage		60.2%	ó	61.6%	,	60.1%		57.4%	

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES TO NON-GAAP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ended March 31,			
	2011 2010			2011		2010			
Research and development expenses, as reported	\$ 44,159	\$	33,287	\$	170,607	\$	120,823		
Share-based compensation expense	 (3,358)		(2,989)		(12,874)		(12,194)		
Non-GAAP research and development expenses	\$ 40,801	\$	30,298	\$	157,733	\$	108,629		
Non-GAAP research and development expenses as a percentage of net sales	 10.7%		10.9%		10.6%		11.5%		

$RECONCILIATION\ OF\ GAAP\ SELLING,\ GENERAL\ AND\ ADMINISTRATIVE\ EXPENSES\ TO\ NON-GAAP\ SELLING,\ GENERAL\ AND\ ADMINISTRATIVE\ EXPENSES$

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ended March 31,			
	2011			2010		2011		2010	
Selling, general and administrative expenses, as reported	\$	56,885	\$	46,697	\$	227,781	\$	167,222	
Share-based compensation expense		(4,260)		(4,245)		(17,113)		(17,530)	
Acquisition-related intangible asset amortization and other costs		(1,861)		(1,006)		(8,593)		(1,866)	
Non-GAAP selling, general and administrative expenses	\$	50,764	\$	41,446	\$	202,075	\$	147,826	
Non-GAAP selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales		13.4%		14.9%		13.6%		15.6%	

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP OPERATING INCOME TO NON-GAAP OPERATING INCOME

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ended March 31,			
		2011 2010				2011	2010		
Operating income, as reported	\$	124,361	\$	88,487	\$	474,183	\$	244,959	
Share-based compensation expense		9,027		9,443		36,812		36,778	
Acquisition-related acquired inventory valuation costs, intangible asset amortization and oth	er								
costs		3,722		1,675		21,480		4,403	
Special charge – SST severance costs		186		-		1,865		-	
Special charge – patent license		<u>-</u>		-		-		1,238	
Non-GAAP operating income	\$	137,296	\$	99,605	\$	534,340	\$	287,378	
Non-GAAP operating income as a percentage of net sales		36.1%	ó	35.8%		35.9%		30.3%	

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP OTHER EXPENSE, NET TO NON-GAAP OTHER EXPENSE, NET

	Three Months Ended March 31,					Twelve Months Ended March 31,			
	2011		2010	2011			2010		
Other expense, net, as reported	\$	(4,304)	\$	(4,490)	\$	(13,642)	\$	(7,146)	
Convertible debt non-cash interest expense		1,746		1,596		6,846		6,258	
Gain on trading securities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		(7,518)	
Non-GAAP other expense, net	\$	(2,558)	\$	(2,894)	\$	(6,796)	\$	(8,406)	
Non-GAAP other expense, net, as a percentage of net sales		-0.7%		-1.0%		-0.5%		-0.9%	

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP INCOME TAX (BENEFIT) PROVISION FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP INCOME TAX PROVISION FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

		Three Mont March	nded	Twelve Mor March	nded		
		2011		2010	2011		2010
Income tax (benefit) provision, as reported	\$	(10,583)	\$	8,248	\$ 31,531	\$	20,808
Income tax rate, as reported		-8.8%		9.8%	6.9%		8.7%
Share-based compensation expense		1,051		978	4,493		4,563
Acquisition-related acquired inventory valuation costs, intangible asset amortization and c	ther						
costs		151		173	714		530
Special charge – SST severance costs		22		-	159		-
Convertible debt non-cash interest expense		655		614	2,567		2,409
Net tax benefit of IRS settlement, R&D tax credit reinstatement, and other tax matters		24,395		-	25,929		8,452
Special charge – patent license		-		-	-		124
Gain on trading securities		-		-	-		(2,894)
Non-GAAP income tax provision	\$	15,691	\$	10,013	\$ 65,393	\$	33,992
Non-GAAP income tax rate		11.6%		10.4%	12.4%		12.2%

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RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME AND DILUTED NET INCOME PER SHARE TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME AND NON-GAAP DILUTED NET INCOME PER SHARE

	Т	Three Months Ende March 31, 2011	d	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	Т	Twelve Months Ended March 31,		
	Consolidated Operations	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	2010	Consolidated Operations	2011 Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	2010
Net income (loss), as reported	\$ 125,528	\$ 130,612	\$ (5,084)	\$ 75,749	\$ 418,950	\$ 429,167	\$ (10,217)	\$ 217,005
Share-based compensation								
expense, net of tax effect	7,976	7,976	-	8,465	32,319	32,319	-	32,215
Acquisition-related acquired								
inventory valuation costs, intangible asset amortization and other								
costs, net of tax effect	3,571	3,571	_	1,502	23,454	20,766	2,688	3,873
Special charge – SST	2,212	2,2 , 2		-,		,,,,,,	_,,,,,	2,0.0
severance costs, net of tax								
effect	164	164	-	-	1,706	1,706	-	-
Net tax benefit of IRS								
settlement, R&D tax credit								
reinstatement, and other tax								
matters	(24,395)	(24,395)	-	-	(25,929)	(25,929)	-	(8,452)
Convertible debt non-cash								
interest expense, net of tax								
effect	1,091	1,091	-	982	4,279	4,279	-	3,849
Special charge – patent license, net of tax effect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,114
Gain on trading securities, net of tax effect	_	_	-	_	-	-	_	(4,624)
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 113,935	\$ 119,019	\$ (5,084)	\$ 86,698	\$ 454,779	\$ 462,308	\$ (7,529)	\$ 244,980
Non-GAAP net income (loss)		=======================================						
as a percentage of net sales		31.3%	•	31.2%	,	31.1%		25.8%
us a percentage of net sures		31.370		31.27	,	31.170		25.070
Diluted net income (loss) per								
share, as reported	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.65	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.40	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.20	\$ (0.05)	\$ 1.16
Non-GAAP diluted net								
income (loss) per share	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.59	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.46	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.39	\$ (0.04)	\$ 1.32
mediae (1888) per share	0.57	<u> </u>	(0.02)	ψ 0.40	+ 2.33	<u> </u>	(0.04)	<u> </u>

Microchip will host a conference call today, May 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss this release. This call will be simulcast over the Internet at www.microchip.com. The webcast will be available for replay until May 12, 2011.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available at approximately 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) May 5, 2011 and will remain available until 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on May 12, 2011. Interested parties may listen to the replay by dialing 719-457-0820 and entering access code 8085360.

Cautionary Statement:

The statements in this release relating to the resiliency of our business model, our internal target for 115 inventory days, our plan to build our inventory levels towards our target to maintain short lead times and support our customer's delivery requirements, the impact that the tragedy in Japan may have on our business and the world economy, expected continued strong cash generation in the June 2010 quarter, expecting net sales to be up between 1% and 6% sequentially, continued strong interest in our products, our assumed average stock price in the June 2011 quarter of \$40.00, our first quarter fiscal 2012 guidance including GAAP and non-GAAP data as applicable for net sales, gross margin, operating expenses, other income (expense), tax rate, net income from continuing operations, diluted common shares outstanding, earnings per diluted share from continuing operations, inventory levels, capital expenditures for the June quarter and for fiscal 2011, taking actions to invest in the equipment needed to support our expected growth, net cash generation and the estimated negative impact on our earnings per share calculation from the difference in our assumed average stock price are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially, including, but not limited to: the continued strength of the economic recovery or any unexpected fluctuations or weakness in the U.S. and global economies, changes in demand or market acceptance of our products (including our licensed technology) and the products of our customers; the mix of inventory we hold and our ability to satisfy short-term orders from our inventory; changes in utilization of our manufacturing capacity and our ability to effectively ramp our production levels; competitive developments including pricing pressures; the level of orders that are received and can be shipped in a quarter;

stock price in the June 2011 quarter and the impact such price will have on our share count; disruptions in our business or the businesses of our customers or suppliers due to natural disasters, terrorist activity, armed conflict, war, worldwide oil prices and supply, public health concerns or disruptions in the transportation system; and general economic, industry or political conditions in the United States or internationally.

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