

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):

December 14, 2021

Cohu, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-04298
(Commission
File Number)

95-1934119
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

12367 Crosthwaite Circle,
Poway, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

92064
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-848-8100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

Trading Symbol(s)
COHU

Name of each exchange on which registered
The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Cohu, Inc. (“Cohu”) a global leader in back-end semiconductor equipment issued a press release announcing that it is updating its mid-term financial target model.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 furnished herewith, will not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), nor will it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The exhibit listed below is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. - 99.1

[Press Release, dated December 14, 2021, of Cohu, Inc.](#)

Exhibit No. - 99.2

[December 14, 2021 Cohu, Inc. Investor Presentation](#)

Exhibit No. - 104

Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

Cohu, Inc.

December 14, 2021

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Cohu Updates Mid-Term Financial Target Model

POWAY, Calif., December 14, 2021 -- Cohu, Inc. (NASDAQ: COHU), a global leader in back-end semiconductor equipment and services, today announced that it is updating its mid-term financial target model⁽¹⁾ to annual revenue of \$1 billion and non-GAAP EPS of \$4.00 to better reflect its projected revenue and margin growth, mainly driven by:

- i. Expansion in the Inspection and Metrology market where Cohu's revenue has grown from \$35 million in 2020 to estimated \$70 million in 2021. This technology addresses the emergence of advanced packages with multiple dies that require significantly greater quality verification prior to integration.
- ii. Semiconductor test equipment penetration in RF front-end, benefiting from increasing test intensity of higher frequency and bandwidth communications devices, and design-wins for display driver and power management IC test.
- iii. Greater traction in Interface products with final test contactors and recently introduced wafer-level chip-scale (WLCSP) probe cards for front-end wafer test aligned with accelerating adoption of system-in-package and investments by leading semiconductor IDM and foundry customers.
- iv. Introduction of the DI-Core platform, Cohu's foray into software data analytics to improve customer's test cell productivity in support of Industry 4.0-factory automation objectives. DI-Core leverages Cohu's proprietary equipment data and artificial intelligence to deliver value, adding to Cohu's consumable-like recurring revenue stream.

Luis Müller, Cohu President and CEO, commented, "Fiscal year 2021 is forecasted to be strong for Cohu, delivering record revenue and profitability. Order demand remains strong as we enter fiscal 2022 building upon Cohu's growth in Inspection and Metrology, expanding opportunities in RF, power management and display driver IC test, WLCSP probe and accelerating deployment of DI-Core software services."

Müller continued, "We have executed well on the growth strategy shared at our last Analyst Day event approximately one year ago. With 2021 nearly complete, it's time to increase Cohu's target financial model to better reflect the opportunities ahead and continue building on our estimated last five-year revenue CAGR of approximately 26%."

(1) "Mid-term" means 3-5 year goals

About Cohu:

Cohu (NASDAQ: COHU) is a global leader in back-end semiconductor equipment and services, delivering leading-edge solutions for the manufacturing of semiconductors. Additional information can be found at www.Cohu.com.

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December 2021

Cohu Investor Presentation



Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

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Luis Müller
CEO

Driving Growth and Differentiation

Global Technology and Market Leader

...in \$6.7 billion⁽³⁾ Semiconductor Markets

~\$898M

LTM Revenue⁽¹⁾

~35%

Recurring Revenue⁽¹⁾

~26%

5-year Revenue CAGR⁽²⁾

Time to Yield

Customer Value Creation

23,500+

Equipment Installed Base

7%

Est. Market CAGR⁽³⁾

(1) Last twelve months ending September 25, 2021
(2) Estimated for the period ending December 25, 2021
(3) Source: Gartner, June 2020 and Company estimates



Target Model

Revenue

\$1B

Gross Margin

49%

Operating Income

25%

Mid-term (3-5 years) Target Model
Gross Margin and Operating Income are Non-GAAP figures; See
Appendix for notes regarding use of forward-looking non-GAAP figures

Cohu Strategy

Extend leadership in high-growth RF test with scalable, precision instrumentation

Deliver high yield test and inspection for 5G, ADAS and xEV applications

Increase contactor attachment rate with differentiated test cell solutions

Provide analytics to optimize productivity



Driving Growth in Select End-Markets

Applications



Auto ADAS & Electrification



Industrial Automation



Sensing & Power



Data Processing & Storage



Data Generation & Display



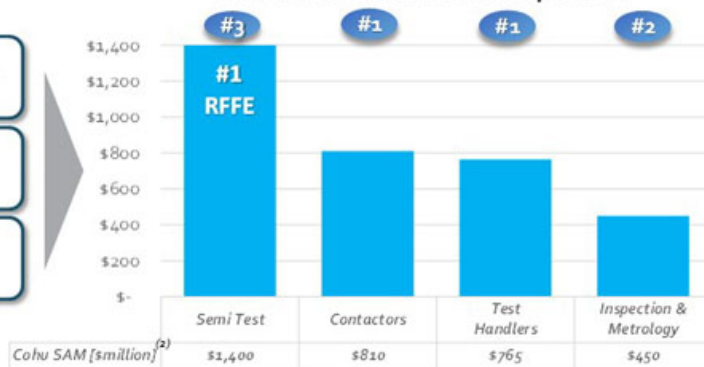
Communications & Networking

Mobility 5G, data generation & transmission, automotive ADAS, electrification and telematics

Secular tailwinds driving end-market growth
(fct. 3-year growth)



Leader in Semi Test & Inspection



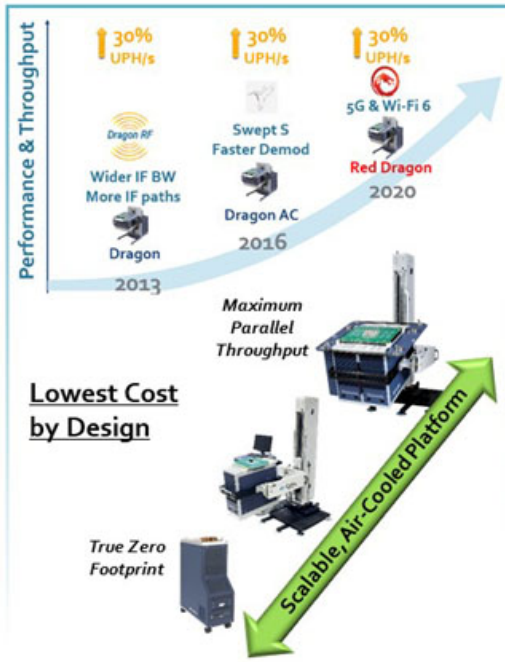
RFFE – RF Front-End



(1) Source: Gartner, June 2020

(2) SAM: Serviceable Addressable Market are VLSI Research report 2020 and company estimates

Semi Test Strategy Accelerating Time to Yield



(1) SoC - System-on-Chip

Value Proposition

RedDragon RF Instrument Suite

- Higher frequency and modulation bandwidth covering emerging and legacy RF standards
- Modular upgrade option for mmWave devices
- Established high volume production platform is an attractive alternative to home grown rack & stack

Air-Cooled Universal Test Platform

- Scalable from 5-slot, zero footprint test head to high test parallelism (100's of devices)
- Platform breadth covering >35% of SoC available market is attractive to Semi customers and test subcontractors

Test Cell Solutions

- Tester-to-Contactor calibration replaces time-consuming customer design effort and solves critical time to yield mmWave challenge

Automation and Inspection Delivering Higher Yield

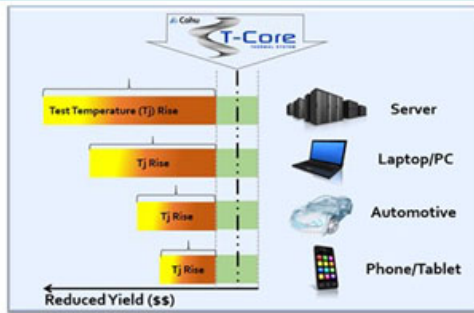


Fig 1: T-Core Thermal Control Limits Temperature (Tj) Rise

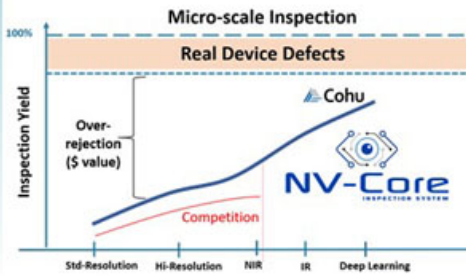


Fig 2: Deep learning algorithms minimize over-rejection

Value Proposition

Active Thermal Control (ATC)

- Cohu's T-Core (ATC) dynamically compensates device overheating, minimizing yield loss

Advanced Inspection

- Cohu's NV-Core advanced vision with infrared technology inspects below the silicon surface
- NV-Core uses deep learning algorithms to distinguish micro-cracks from cosmetic issues (scratches)

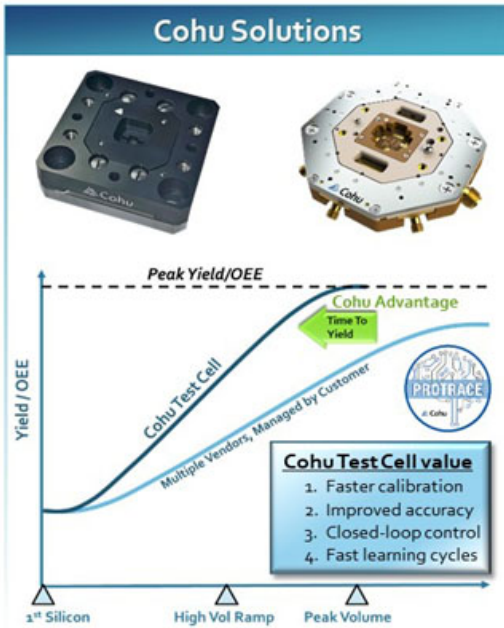
Handler Architecture

- Isolates MEMS stimulus modules from automation to deliver "quiet" environment for precision testing

Test Cell Solutions

- Handler T-Core architecture working with PROTRACE contactor to precisely monitor and control device temperature during testing
- Handler incorporating inert gas chamber with Cohu contactors ensures arc-free testing for high voltage applications

Test Contactors Extending Value in Key Segments

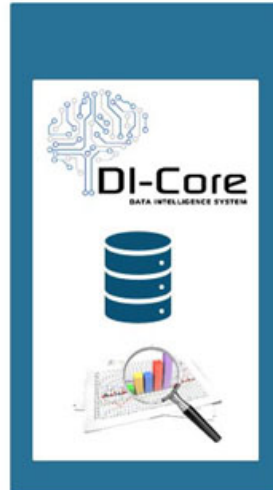


Value Proposition	
High Fidelity RF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contactor platform with direct signal path for mmWave applications up to 100 GHz ○ Probe technology spanning 5G FR1 and FR2
High Performance Digital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coaxial solutions provide exceptional signal isolation and impedance control, scalable for large package platforms up to 60 Gbps
Precision Analog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelvin contact solutions that scale to high power and small footprint to enable high test site density
Intelligent and Embedded Sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PROTRACE intelligent contactors closing the loop on thermal control to enable peak yield ○ 5G Interceptor extending test instrumentation to mmWave and calibration to the device under test

Data Intelligence (DI-Core)



Cohu Equipment



- ❑ Real-time equipment monitoring and data analytics for I4.0 factory automation
- ❑ Delivering high OEE (Overall Equipment Efficiency) with predictive maintenance and alarm diagnostic tools
- ❑ Improving quality and yield with extended device traceability
- ❑ Higher efficiency with intelligent data collection, expert database and recommended actions

Access and Collect

Transform, Structure and Analyze

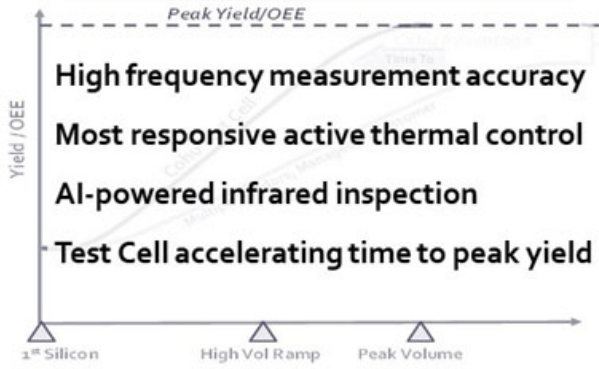
Report, Conclude and Act



Delivering Customer Value

Accelerating ***time to yield*** and ***greater productivity*** through the test cell
2% higher yield in the semiconductor test and inspection ~ pays for Capex

One-stop-shop for leading-edge solutions in test & inspection



Test Cell Solutions

Test Analytics

Semi Test

Higher Signal Integrity

Test Contactor

Active Thermal Control

Test Handler

Efficiency Analytics



Jeff Jones
CFO

**Delivering Profitability and
Shareholder Value**

Q4'21 Outlook

	Q3'21 Actual	Q4'21 Guidance ⁽²⁾	Mid-Term ⁽³⁾ Annual Target
Revenue	\$225.1M	\$182 - \$195M	\$1B
Gross Margin ⁽¹⁾	42.3%	~ 44%	49%
Operating Expenses ⁽¹⁾	\$49.5M	~ \$51M	\$244M
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	21.8%	~ 19% (mid-point of guidance)	25%
EPS ⁽¹⁾	\$0.70		\$4.00

Q4 revenue reflects seasonality and customer supply-chain delays

Gross margin expanding with improved contactor margin and product mix

OPEX lower than target model and sufficient to support current product investments

Solid profitability in-line with mid-term target model

Fully diluted shares outstanding estimated at 49.5 million

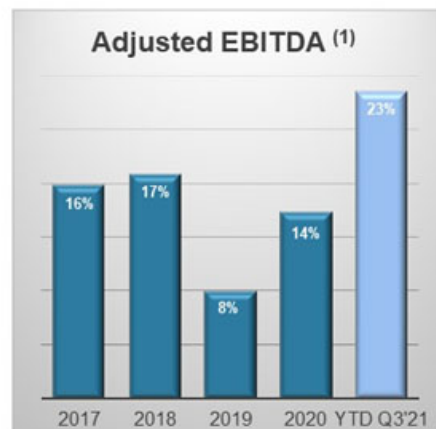
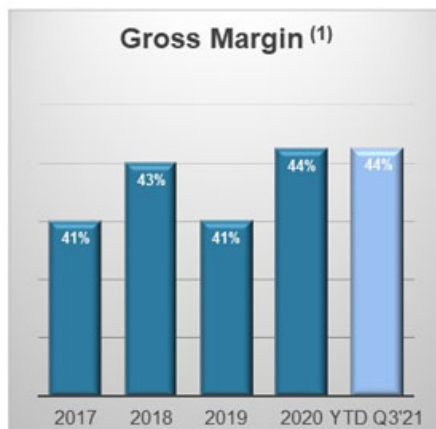
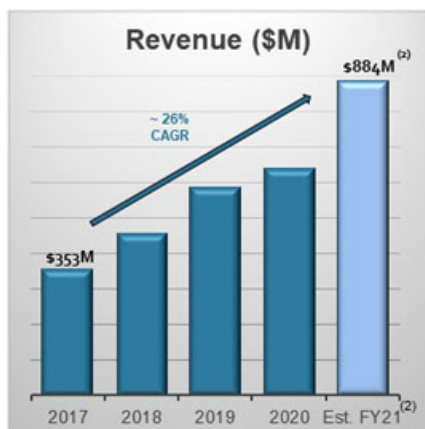
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(2) Q4'21 guidance as provided on 10/28/21; excludes PCB test business sold on 6/24/21

(3) Mid-Term means 3 – 5 year goals



Strategy & Execution Yielding Results



Driving revenue growth through value-added, differentiated technologies and products focused on select end-markets

Strong operating leverage driving increased profitability

⁽¹⁾ Amounts are Non-GAAP. See Appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations, and notes regarding use of forward-looking non-GAAP figures
⁽²⁾ Reflects actual YTD Q3'21 including PCB test results plus mid-point of Q4'21 guidance as provided on October 28, 2021

Capital Allocation

[\$Million]	Q2'21	Q3'21
Cash and Investments	\$434	\$365
Total Debt	\$221	\$121
Gross Debt / Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	1.3x	0.6x
Free Cash Flow	\$27	\$31

Reinvest in the business

Strong organic growth opportunities
Targeting R&D at ~ 12% of sales

Repayment of the term loan B

Net proceeds from divestment used to repay debt

M&A to expand SAM and technology portfolio

\$70M share repurchase plan

Return capital to investors; offset dilution from equity plans;
Signal confidence in growth prospects and cash generation

Term Loan B ~ \$103M at Q3'21

Minimum quarterly payments of \$875K (principal) plus
approximately \$0.9M of interest at current LIBOR + 300 bps

Minimum cash for operations ~ \$80M

Production ramps may require additional cash to fund
inventory and receivables

(1) For the last 12 months ending June 26, 2021 and September 25, 2021; Non-GAAP figure - see Appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations



Diverse Revenue Profile

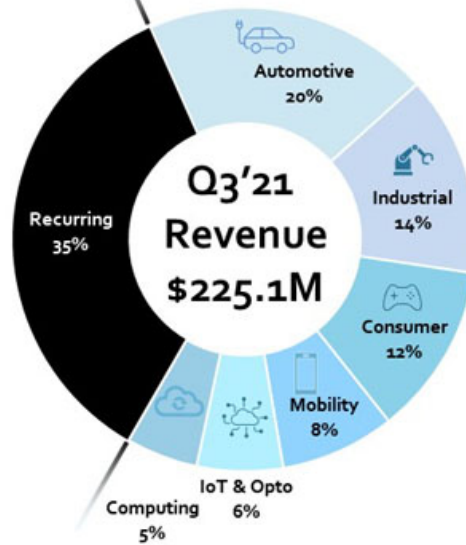
Recurring

Key Business Drivers

- Semiconductor product designs
- Growing systems installed base

Non-GAAP
Gross Margin⁽¹⁾

~ 52%



Systems

Key Business Drivers

- Automotive xEV and ADAS
- Industrial and Consumer apps.

Non-GAAP
Gross Margin⁽¹⁾

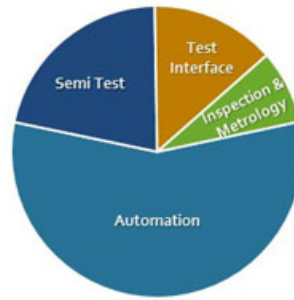
~ 37%

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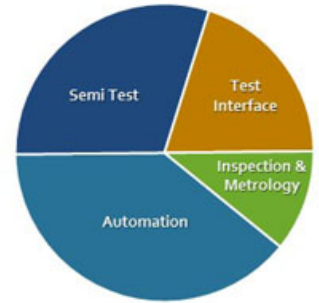
Revenue Distribution



FY21 Estimate⁽¹⁾



Mid-Term Target Model⁽²⁾



Mid-Term Target Model revenue distribution

Greater stability - increasing sales of consumable Test Interface products

Expanding gross margin – growth in higher margin Semi Test, Inspection & Metrology, and Test Interface products coupled with high margin data analytics (DI-Core) software platform

⁽¹⁾ Reflects actual Q3'21 YTD results minus PCB Test results plus the mid-point of the Company's Q4'21 guidance as provided on 10/28/2021

⁽²⁾ Mid-Term means 3 – 5 year goals

Path for Growth and Differentiation⁽¹⁾

Above-Market Revenue Growth	Accelerating Profitability	Disciplined Capital Allocation
<p><i>Targeting high growth market segments</i></p> <p><i>Share gain with leading edge solutions in test & inspection</i></p> <p><i>Accelerating Tester and Contactor revenue growth</i></p>	<p><i>Significant operating leverage 25% operating income⁽²⁾</i></p> <p><i>Accelerating time to yield and greater productivity</i></p> <p><i>New product developments with 30%+ ROIC</i></p>	<p><i>Generating \$180M+ annual free-cash-flow</i></p> <p><i>Term loan repayment; growth investments; share repurchase</i></p> <p><i>Enabling a smarter, safer, and more connected future</i></p>

Creating Shareholder Value

ROIC – Return on invested capital

(1) All values are based on achieving Target Model

(2) Non-GAAP figure; See Appendix for notes regarding use of forward-looking non-GAAP figures



Appendix

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

This presentation includes non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP Gross Margin/Profit, Income and Income (adjusted earnings) per share, Operating Income, Operating Expense, Adjusted EBITDA, effective tax rate and ROIC that supplement the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations prepared under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These non-GAAP financial measures adjust the Company's actual results prepared under GAAP to exclude charges and the related income tax effect for: share-based compensation, the amortization of purchased intangible assets including favorable/unfavorable lease adjustments, restructuring costs, manufacturing transition and severance costs, asset impairment charges, acquisition-related costs and associated professional fees, reduction of indemnification receivable, depreciation of purchase accounting adjustments to property, plant and equipment, purchase accounting inventory step-up included in cost of sales, and amortization of cloud-based software implementation costs (Adjusted EBITDA only). Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP amounts for the periods presented herein are provided in this Appendix and should be considered together with the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

These non-GAAP measures are not meant as a substitute for GAAP, but are included solely for informational and comparative purposes. The Company's management believes that this information can assist investors in evaluating the Company's operational trends, financial performance, and cash generating capacity. Management uses non-GAAP measures for a variety of reasons, including to make operational decisions, to determine executive compensation in part, to forecast future operational results, and for comparison to our annual operating plan. However, the non-GAAP financial measures should not be regarded as a replacement for (or superior to) corresponding, similarly captioned, GAAP measures.

Use of Forward-Looking Non-GAAP Information:

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GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

	3 Months Ending	
	Sep 25, 2021	Diluted EPS
Earnings Reconciliation		
Income (Loss) From Continuing Operations - GAAP	\$ 23,793	\$ 0.48
Share based compensation	3,714	\$ 0.08
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	8,879	\$ 0.18
Restructuring costs related to inventory in COS	(836)	\$ (0.02)
Restructuring costs	31	\$ -
PP&E step-up included in COS and SG&A	145	\$ -
Gain on sale of PCB Test business	(90)	\$ -
Tax effect of Non-GAAP adjustments	(964)	\$ (0.02)
Income (Loss) From Continuing Operations - Non-GAAP	\$34,612	\$ 0.70
Weighted Average Shares - GAAP	Basic	48,666
Weighted Average Shares - Non-GAAP	Diluted	49,457

	12 Months Ending		12 Months Ending		12 Months Ending		12 Months Ending		3 Months Ending		9 Months Ending	
	Dec 30, 2017	% of Net Sales	Dec 29, 2018	% of Net Sales	Dec 28, 2019	% of Net Sales	Dec 26, 2020	% of Net Sales	Sep 25, 2021	% of Net Sales	Sep 25, 2021	% of Net Sales
Gross Profit Reconciliation												
Net Sales	\$ 352,704		\$ 451,768		\$ 583,329		\$ 636,007		\$ 225,063		\$ 695,354	
Gross Profit - GAAP	143,407	40.7%	159,308	35.3%	229,829	39.4%	271,782	42.7%	95,705	42.5%	302,567	43.5%
Share Based Compensation	423	0.1%	546	0.1%	736	0.1%	893	0.1%	239	0.1%	692	0.1%
Restructuring costs related to inventory in COS	-	0.0%	19,053	4.2%	2,729	0.5%	3,731	0.6%	(836)	-0.4%	(699)	-0.1%
Manufacturing transition and severance costs	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,211	0.2%	26	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Inventory Step-Up	1,404	0.4%	14,782	3.3%	6,038	1.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Gross Profit - Non-GAAP	\$145,234	41.2%	\$193,689	42.9%	\$ 240,543	41.2%	\$ 276,432	43.5%	\$ 95,108	42.3%	\$ 302,560	43.5%

	3 Months Ending	
	Sep 25, 2021	% of Net Sales
Operating Expense Reconciliation		
Operating Expense - GAAP	\$ 62,079	27.6%
Share based compensation	(3,475)	-1.5%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	(8,879)	-3.9%
Restructuring costs	(31)	0.0%
PP&E step-up included in SG&A	(145)	-0.1%
Operating Expense - Non-GAAP	\$49,549	22.0%



GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

<u>Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation</u>	<u>12 Months Ending</u>		<u>12 Months Ending</u>		<u>12 Months Ending</u>		<u>12 Months Ending</u>	
	<u>Dec 30,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Dec 29,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Dec 28,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Dec 26,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>
	<u>2017</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Sales</u>
Net income (loss) attributable to Cohu - GAAP Basis	\$ 32,843	9.3%	\$ (32,181)	-7.1%	\$ (69,700)	-11.9%	\$ (13,801)	-2.2%
Income from discontinued operations	278	0.1%	(119)	0.0%	697	0.1%	(42)	0.0%
Income tax provision (benefit)	2,244	0.6%	631	0.1%	(3,082)	-0.5%	666	0.1%
Interest expense	54	0.0%	4,977	1.1%	20,556	3.5%	13,759	2.2%
Interest income	(671)	-0.2%	(1,187)	-0.3%	(764)	-0.1%	(224)	0.0%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	4,208	1.2%	17,197	3.8%	39,590	6.8%	38,746	6.1%
Depreciation	4,978	1.4%	8,850	2.0%	19,246	3.3%	14,000	2.2%
Amortization of cloud-based software implementation costs	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,191	0.2%
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other Non-GAAP Adjustments	11,878	3.4%	76,171	16.9%	39,534	6.8%	33,524	5.3%
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$55,812</u>	<u>15.8%</u>	<u>\$ 74,339</u>	<u>16.5%</u>	<u>\$ 46,077</u>	<u>7.9%</u>	<u>\$87,819</u>	<u>13.8%</u>

<u>Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation</u>	<u>LTM Ending</u>		<u>3 Months Ending</u>		<u>9 Months Ending</u>		<u>LTM Ending</u>	
	<u>Jun 26,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Sep 25,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Sep 25,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>	<u>Sep 25,</u>	<u>% of Net</u>
	<u>2021</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Sales</u>
Net income (loss) attributable to Cohu - GAAP Basis	\$ 130,918	15.9%	\$ 23,733	10.5%	\$ 146,436	21.1%	\$ 161,297	18.0%
Income from discontinued operations	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Income tax provision (benefit)	22,755	2.8%	7,392	3.3%	28,626	4.1%	29,031	3.2%
Interest expense	10,282	1.2%	966	0.4%	5,372	0.8%	8,227	0.9%
Interest income	(200)	0.0%	(53)	0.0%	(197)	0.0%	(211)	0.0%
Amortization of purchased intangible assets	37,970	4.6%	8,879	3.9%	27,168	3.9%	37,066	4.1%
Depreciation	13,735	1.7%	3,226	1.4%	9,935	1.4%	13,500	1.5%
Amortization of cloud-based software implementation costs	1,426	0.2%	409	0.2%	1,157	0.2%	1,517	0.2%
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt	1,761	0.2%	1,650	0.7%	3,411	0.5%	3,436	0.4%
Other Non-GAAP Adjustments	(46,455)	-5.6%	2,819	1.3%	(63,422)	-9.1%	(52,964)	-5.9%
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$172,192</u>	<u>20.9%</u>	<u>\$ 49,021</u>	<u>21.8%</u>	<u>\$ 158,486</u>	<u>22.8%</u>	<u>\$ 200,899</u>	<u>22.4%</u>