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): November 5, 2015

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware1-3625404-2977748(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

75 Network Drive, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 640-6789

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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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 November 5, 2015, Avid Technology, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2015. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Non-GAAP and Operational Measures. The attached press release includes non-GAAP operating income (loss), non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP net income per share, non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA, and non-GAAP adjusted free cash flow. Non-GAAP operating income (loss), non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP gross margin and non-GAAP net income per share exclude restructuring costs, stock based compensation, amortization and impairment of intangibles as well as other unusual items such as costs related to the restatement, M&A related activity, and impact of significant legal settlements. Avid defines adjusted EBITDA as non-GAAP operating income (loss) excluding depreciation and all amortization expense. Avid defines non-GAAP adjusted free cash flow as GAAP operating cash flow less capital expenditures and excludes from free cash flow payments or receipts related to M&A, significant legal settlements, restructuring, restatement or other non-operational or non-recurring events.

These non-GAAP measures reflect how Avid manages its businesses internally. Avid's non-GAAP measures may vary from how other companies present non-GAAP measures. Non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. This non-GAAP information supplements, and is not intended to represent a measure of performance in accordance with, disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP.

The attached press release also includes operational measures, such as bookings, marketed booking, recurring revenue bookings and revenue backlog. Definitions of these measures are included in the supplemental financial and operational data sheet available on our investor relations webpage at ir.avid.com.

Limitation on Incorporation by Reference. The information furnished in Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information 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.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Except for historical information contained in this Form 8-K and exhibit 99.1 hereto, the Form 8-K and exhibits contain forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. Please refer to the cautionary notes in the press release regarding these forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

(d) Exhibit.

Exhibit

Number <u>Description</u>

99.1* Press Release dated November 5, 2015

*Document furnished herewith

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.

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 5, 2015

By: /s/ John W. Frederick
Name: John W. Frederick

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and

Chief Administrative Officer

Avid Announces Financial Results for Third Quarter 2015

Transformation on track and expected to be completed by Q2 2017; Continued shift to recurring revenue drives year on year bookings growth

BURLINGTON, MA, November 5, 2015 Avid® (Nasdaq:AVID) announced today that it has released third quarter results and updated its 2015 full year guidance.

Q3 2015 Highlights

- Bookings as reported increased 2.6% year on year to \$115.1 million. Bookings on a constant dollar basis grew 9% year on year to \$121 million.
- Revenue as reported declined by 4% year on year to \$137 million but increased 25% sequentially. Revenue on a constant dollar basis was lower by 0.2% year on year. Pre-2011 revenue and non-marketed product bookings headwinds continue to diminish.
- Recurring revenue bookings increased 42% year-on-year, representing 28% of total quarter's bookings.
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$25.0 million versus \$27.3 million in Q314. Sequentially, Adjusted EBITDA grew by \$23.5 million.
- · Current paid subscribers exceeded 20,000.
- Cumulative Media Central platform licenses reached more than 28,000, over a 50% increase from Q3 2014
- · Updated Full Year 2015 Earnings Guidance
 - Adjusted EBITDA range of \$55 to \$60 million, as reported
 - Bookings range of \$490 to \$503 million, as reported
 - Adjusted free cash flow range adjusted to use of \$26 to \$35 million, as reported

"Avid continues to solidify its market leadership position by helping customers increase media workflow efficiencies in an industry that's seeing tremendous monetization pressures" said Louis Hernandez, Jr, Chairman, President, and CEO of Avid. "At the same time, Avid's own transformation is progressing well and we continue to drive towards a business with more recurring revenue streams and efficient operating model by 2017, when we expect our transformation to be largely complete, as evidenced by the fact that the headwinds from pre-2011 deferred revenue and non-marketed product bookings should have burned off and we should have completed our cost optimization projects".

"During Q3, we made good progress on our transformation, which was reflected in our year-on-year constant dollar bookings growth in Q3." said John Frederick, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of Avid. "We're continuing to work on our cost structure, build long term backlog and shift to higher margin products. As our bookings growth converts to revenue and cash, we're looking forward to expanding margins and improved cash generation."

Avid includes non-GAAP financial measures, including adjusted EBITDA, adjusted free cash flow, non-GAAP operating income (loss), non-GAAP operating income per share, non-GAAP gross margin and non-GAAP operating expenses, as well as operational metrics of bookings, marketed bookings, recurring revenue bookings and revenue backlog in this release. Definitions of the non-GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to the Company's comparable GAAP financial measures for the periods presented are included in our Form 8-K filed today and in the supplemental financial and operational data sheet available on our investor relations webpage at ir.avid.com, which also includes definitions of the operational metrics. Unless noted, all financial information is as reported based on actual exchange rates.

Conference Call

A conference call to discuss Avid's financial results for the third quarter of 2015 will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. ET. The call will be open to the public and can be accessed by dialing 719-457-2697 and referencing confirmation code 9388800. You may also listen to the call on the Avid Investor Relations website. To listen via the website, go to the events tab at ir.avid.com for complete details prior to the start of the conference call. A replay of the call will also be available on the Avid Investor Relations website shortly after the completion of the call. Earnings documents, including slides to accompany Avid's management presentation and a supplemental financial and operational data sheet are posted to Avid's investor relations website in advance of the conference call for reference.

Forward-Looking Statements

The information provided in this press release including the tables attached hereto include forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including projections and statements about our anticipated plans, objectives, expectations and intentions. Such statements include, without limitation, statements regarding our financial statements or other information included herein based upon or otherwise incorporating judgments or estimates relating to future performance such as future operating expenses; earnings; bookings; backlog; revenue backlog conversion rate; product mix and free cash flow; our cost savings initiatives; our future strategy and business plans; our product plans, including products under development, such as cloud and subscription based offerings; our liquidity and ability to raise capital; the anticipated benefits of the Orad acquisition, including estimated synergies, and the effects of the transaction, including effects on future financial and operating results; and our liquidity. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations as of the date of this release and

subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements, including but not limited to the effect on our sales, operations and financial performance resulting from: our liquidity; our ability to execute our strategic plan, including cost savings initiatives, and meet customer needs; our ability to retain and hire key personnel; our ability to produce innovative products in response to changing market demand, particularly in the media industry; our ability to successfully accomplish our product development plans; competitive factors; history of losses; fluctuations in our revenue, based on, among other things, our performance and risks in particular geographies or markets; our higher indebtedness and ability to service it and meet the obligations thereunder; restrictions in our credit facilities; our move to a subscription model and related effect on our revenues and ability to predict future revenues; elongated sales cycles; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; seasonal factors; adverse changes in economic conditions; variances in our revenue backlog and the realization thereof; the identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting; and the possibility of legal proceedings adverse to our company. Moreover, the business may be adversely affected by future legislative, regulatory or changes, including tax law changes, as well as other economic, business and/or competitive factors. The risks included above are not exhaustive. Other factors that could adversely affect our business and prospects are described in the filings made by our company with the SEC. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended				
					Septen	nber (ıber 30,	
		2015		2014	2015			2014
Net revenues:								
Products	\$	88,945	\$	105,330	\$	245,124	\$	287,215
Services		48,491		37,099		121,665		114,840
Total net revenues		137,436		142,429		366,789		402,055
Cost of revenues:								
Products		32,256		37,807		92,416		107,898
Services		15,416		14,981		46,054		45,975
Amortization of intangible assets		1,950		_		2,113		50
Total cost of revenues		49,622		52,788		140,583		153,923
Gross profit		87,814		89,641		226,206		248,132
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		25,225		22,154		71,708		67,178
Marketing and selling		31,564		31,410		92,420		98,522
General and administrative		15,834		20,644		52,646		58,959
Amortization of intangible assets		786		373		1,568		1,251
Restructuring costs (recoveries), net		_		_		539		(165)
Total operating expenses		73,409		74,581		218,881		225,745
Operating income		14,405		15,060		7,325		22,387
Interest and other expense, net		(2,519)		(455)		(4,681)		(1,163)
Income before income taxes		11,886		14,605		2,644		21,224
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes		768		365		(4,221)		1,427
Net income		11,118		14,240		6,865		19,797

Net income per common share – basic and diluted	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.51
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic	39,231	39,133	39,417	39,117
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – diluted	39,750	39,201	40,727	39,164

Reconciliations of GAAP financial measures to Non-GAAP financial measures

(unaudited - in thousands, except per share data)

		Three Mo	onths 1	Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,					Septe	mber 30,	
		2015		2014		2015		2014
GAAP								
Net Revenues	\$	137,436	\$	142,429	\$	366,789	\$	402,055
Cost of revenues		49,622		52,788		140,583		153,923
Gross profit		87,814		89,641		226,206		248,132
Operating expenses		73,409		74,581		218,881		225,745
Operating income	_	14,405		15,060	_	7,325		22,387
Interest and other expense, net		(2,519)		(455)		(4,681)		(1,163)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes, net		768		365		(4,221)		1,427
Net income	\$	11,118	\$	14,240	\$	6,865	\$	19,797
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic	-	39,231	-	39,133		39,417		39,117
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted		39,750		39,201		40,727		39,164
Net income per share - basic and diluted	\$	0.28	\$	0.36	\$	0.17	\$	0.51
Adjustments to GAAP Results								
Cost of Revenues								
Amortization of intangible assets		1,950		_		2,113		50
Stock-based compensation		183		78		652		394
Operating Expenses								
Amortization of intangible assets		786		373		1,568		1,251
Restructuring costs (recoveries), net		_		_		539		(165)
Restatement costs		287		8,564		988		19,408
Acquisition and other costs		1,965		_		7,640		_
Stock-based compensation								
R&D		73		96		225		336
Sales & Marketing		529		252		1,902		1,186
G&A		1,604		(1,107)		4,953		802
<u>Other</u>								

Tax adjustment	_	4	 (7)

Non-GAAP					
Net revenues		137,436	142,429	366,789	402,055
Cost of revenues		47,489	52,710	137,818	153,479
Gross profit		89,947	89,719	228,971	248,576
Operating expenses		68,165	66,403	201,066	202,927
Operating income	_	21,782	23,316	27,905	45,649
Interest and other expense, net		(2,519)	(455)	(4,681)	(1,163)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes, net		768	361	(4,221)	1,434
Net income		18,495	22,500	27,445	43,052
Net income per share - diluted	\$	0.47	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.67	\$ 1.10
Adjusted EBITDA					
Non-GAAP operating income (from above)		21,782	23,316	27,905	45,649
Depreciation		3,168	3,968	10,257	12,294
Amortization of capitalized software development costs		_	28	_	127
Adjusted EBITDA		24,950	27,312	38,162	58,070
Adjusted Free Cash Flow					
GAAP net cash used in operating activities		(9,873)	5,252	(36,087)	(20,830)
Capital expenditures		(4,368)	(5,269)	(11,110)	(11,680)
Restructuring payments		316	1,274	1,052	6,085
Restatement payments		_	6,814	3,624	22,902
Acquisition and other payments		3,368	_	4,958	_
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$	(10,557)	\$ 8,071	\$ (37,563)	\$ (3,523)

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited - in thousands)

	Sep	tember 30, 2015	Dec	cember 31, 2014
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,980	\$	25,056
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$9,257 and \$10,692 at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively		56,995		54,655
Inventories		48,784		48,001
Deferred tax assets, net		310		322
Prepaid expenses		8,448		6,892
Other current assets		12,954		17,932
Total current assets		149,471		152,858
Property and equipment, net		34,777		32,136
Intangible assets, net		35,966		2,445
Goodwill		33,905		_
Long-term deferred tax assets, net		2,044		1,886
Other long-term assets		8,013		2,274
Total assets	\$	264,176	\$	191,599
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	39,232	\$	32,951
Accrued compensation and benefits		23,362		32,636
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		32,228		32,353
Income taxes payable		3,176		5,480
Short-term debt		10,000		_
Deferred tax liabilities, net		316		_
Deferred revenues		199,572		206,608
Total current liabilities		307,886		310,028
Long-term debt		94,605		_
Long-term deferred tax liabilities, net		7,687		136
Long-term deferred revenues		164,935		208,232

Other long-term liabilities	16,674	14,273
Total liabilities	591,787	532,669
Stockholders' deficit:		
Common stock	423	423
Additional paid-in capital	1,058,330	1,049,969
Accumulated deficit	(1,314,933)	(1,321,798)
Treasury stock at cost	(64,415)	(68,051)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,016)	(1,613)
Total stockholders' deficit	(327,611)	(341,070)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 264,176	\$ 191,599

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited - in thousands)

Nine Months Ended September 30.

	September 30,			
		2015		2014
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	6,865	\$	19,797
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		13,936		13,721
Recovery from doubtful accounts		(175)		(177)
Stock-based compensation expense		7,731		2,718
Non-cash interest expense		1,544		220
Unrealized foreign currency transaction gains		(5,098)		(494)
Deferred tax benefit		(6,504)		(6)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable		6,844		931
Inventories		4,028		6,145
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,772		646
Accounts payable		4,932		585
Accrued expenses, compensation and benefits and other liabilities		(17,764)		(14,842)
Income taxes payable		1,268		(603)
Deferred revenues		(55,466)		(49,471)
Net cash used in operating activities		(36,087)		(20,830)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(11,110)		(11,660)
Payments for business and technology acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(65,967)		_
Proceeds from divestiture of consumer business		_		1,500
(Increase) decrease in other long-term assets		(575)		51
Increase in restricted cash		(1,047)		_
Net cash used in investing activities		(78,699)		(10,109)
	-		-	

Cash flows from financing activities:

Proceeds from long-term debt, net of issuance costs	120,401	_
Payments for repurchase of common stock	(7,999)	_
Cash paid for capped call transaction	(10,125)	_
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	3,113	1
Common stock repurchases for tax withholdings for net settlement of equity		
awards	(1,442)	(318)
Proceeds from revolving credit facilities	49,500	20,500
Payments on revolving credit facilities	(39,500)	(12,500)
Payments for credit facility issuance costs	(1,193)	_
Net cash provided by financing activities	112,755	7,683
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,045)	(2,471)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,076)	(25,727)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	25,056	48,203
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 21,980	\$ 22,476

Supplemental Revenue Information

(unaudited - in thousands)

\$K	Septe 30		June 30,	September 30,
Revenue Backlog*	20	15	2015	2014
Pre-2011	\$ 3	57,885 \$	51,520	\$ 104,629
Post-2010		26,622 \$	-	\$ 312,708
Deferred Revenue	\$ 36	54,507	392,799	\$ 417,337
Other Backlog	\$ 14	8,776 \$	147,453	\$ 92,000
Total Revenue Backlog	\$ 51	3,283	540,252	\$ 509,337
Post 2010	\$475	,398	\$488,732	\$404,708

The expected timing of recognition of revenue backlog as of September 30, 2015 is as follows:

Orders executed prior to January 1, 2011
Orders executed or materially modified on or
after January 1, 2011
Other Backlog
Total Revenue Backlog

Q4 2015		2016		2017	Tl	nereafter	Total
\$ 12,017	\$	24,772	\$	952	\$	144	\$ 37,885
\$ 48,769	\$	131,225	\$	68,686	\$	77,942	\$ 326,622
\$ 51,449	\$	48,191	\$	30,338	\$	18,797	\$ 148,776
\$ 112,235	\$	204,189	\$	99,975	\$	96,883	\$ 513,283

^{*}A definition of Revenue Backlog is included in the supplemental financial and operational data sheet available on our investor relations webpage at ir.avid.com.

Note: current estimates could change based on a number of factors, including (i) the timing of delivery of products and services, (ii) customer cancellations or change order, (iii) changes in the estimated period of time Implied Maintenance Release PCS is provided to customers, including as a result of changes in business practices

2015 Outlook (a)

(unaudited - in millions)

	Bookings As Reported					
			Adjusted EBITDA		Adjusted Free Cash Flow	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
1st Half of 2015	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ (27)	\$ (27)
- Estimated 2nd Half (including Orad product lines), using 1st						
Half run rates	250	252	18	18	(23)	(23)
- Estimated New Products and Growth Initiatives	15	21	18	20	16	18
- Estimated Impact of Cost Initiatives	-	-	4	5	4	5
- Estimated 2nd Half Seasonality and other	14	25	21	24	42	47
Outlook 2015, August Guidance	509	528	74	80	12	20
-Underperformance in Tier 3 Audio	(17)	(14)	(11)	(10)	(20)	(17)
-Mix Shift to Multi-Year Support Contracts	-	-	(4)	(4)	(15)	(14)
-Estimated 2nd Half Seasonality and other	-	-	-	_	(12)	(12)
-Currency and other, Net	(2)	(11)	(4)	(6)	-	(3)
Outlook 2015 (a)	490	503	55	60	(35)	(26)

(a) As of November 5, 2015

Note: The 2015 Outlook is based on estimates as of the date of this press release and Avid expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update such estimates;

actual results may differ materially from those estimates as a result of a number of risks and uncertainties. Please see the forward looking disclaimer included in the press

release. Each range of values provided represents the expected low and high estimates for such financial or operating factor.