UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2005

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 0-21174 04-2977748 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

Avid Technology Park, One Park West, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 640-6789

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 27, 2005, Avid Technology, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press Release issued by the Registrant on October 27, 2005.

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: October 27, 2005 AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Carol E. Kazmer
Carol E. Kazmer
General Counsel

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release issued by the Registrant dated October 27, 2005.

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Avid Reports Strong Third Quarter Results

Tewksbury, MA - October 27, 2005 - Avid Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVID) today reported revenues of \$204.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 compared to \$147.4 million for the same period in 2004. Reflecting various non-cash charges primarily associated with the closing of the acquisition of Pinnacle Systems, Inc. on August 9, 2005, GAAP net loss for the quarter was \$17.8 million, or \$.46 per share compared to GAAP net income of \$19.0 million, or \$.54 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2004.

Non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2005 was \$24.2 million, or \$.60 per diluted share, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$20.4 million, or \$.58 per diluted share in the corresponding quarter of 2004. In order to calculate non-GAAP net income, which the company believes is a more meaningful measure of normalized operating performance and will assist investors in understanding results of operations on a comparative basis, the following items have been excluded from third quarter 2005 GAAP net loss:

- o A non-recurring in-process research and development charge of \$32.4million related to the Pinnacle acquisition.
- Non-cash acquisition-related amortization charges of \$6.4 million.
- Restructuring costs of \$2 million reflecting a revised estimate of a loss on a facility vacated by Avid in 1999.
- A Pinnacle acquisition-related tax charge of \$1.2 million, offset by \$468,000 of tax benefits related to acquisition-related amortization and restructuring.
- Stock-based compensation charges of \$458,000 related to the acquisition of M-Audio in August 2004.

"We had a strong third quarter with all segments performing well," said David Krall, Avid's president and chief executive officer. "We are especially pleased with the performance of our broadcast and storage solutions in our video division. The integration of the Deko and MediaStream products from Pinnacle into our broadcast offering is off to a great start, and we're looking forward to offering our broadcast customers an even more complete solution than we have in the past. Audio also had a strong quarter, with Digidesign benefiting from the release of the Mbox(R) 2 portable micro-studio and continuing demand for its digital mixing consoles. Finally, our new Pinnacle consumer segment delivered a solid quarter, driven by the release of Pinnacle Studio(TM) version 10."

Revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, were \$530.5 million compared to revenues of \$414.6 million for the same period in 2004. GAAP net income for the first nine months of 2005 was \$15.6 million, or \$.41 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net income of \$49.2 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share, for the same period in 2004. Excluding the in-process research and development charge, acquisition-related amortization, stock-based compensation, the Pinnacle acquisition-related tax charge, the tax benefit related to amortization, restructuring costs, and non-recurring expenses in the first quarter of 2004 related to the settlement of a lawsuit, non-GAAP net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, was \$62.3 million, or \$1.63 per diluted share, compared to \$51.4 million, or \$1.50 per diluted share, for the first nine months of 2004.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The non-GAAP operating results listed above are "non-GAAP financial measures" under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. These results have been included because management believes they are a meaningful measure of normalized operating performance and will assist investors in understanding the company's results of operations on a comparative basis. 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. Management uses this information internally to more accurately assess the ongoing nature of operations and to measure performance on a comparative basis.

Conference Call

A conference call to discuss Avid's third quarter 2005 financial results and the company's outlook for the fourth quarter of 2005 and the full year 2006 will be held today, October 27, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. The call will be open to the public, and can be accessed by dialing (913) 981-5509 and referencing confirmation code 6447118. The call and subsequent replay will also be available on Avid's web site. To listen via this alternative, go to the Investor Relations page under the About Us menu at www.avid.com for complete details 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the conference call.

The above release includes forward-looking statements, as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, about Avid's future performance. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from that indicated by such forward-looking statements, such as the competitive market in which Avid operates, market acceptance of Avid's existing and new products, Avid's ability to anticipate customer needs and the other factors set forth under the caption "Certain Factors That May Affect Future Results" in Avid's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, and other filings with the SEC. In addition, the forward-looking statements contained herein represent Avid's estimate only as of today and should not be relied upon as representing the company's estimate as of any subsequent date. While Avid may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, Avid specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, even if the estimate changes.

About Avid Technology, Inc. Avid Technology, Inc. is the world leader in digital nonlinear media creation, management, and distribution solutions, enabling film, video, audio, animation, games, and broadcast professionals to work more efficiently, productively, and creatively. For more information about the company's Oscar(R), Grammy(R), and Emmy(R) award-winning products and services, please visit: www.avid.com.

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	GAAP		NON - GAAP	
	Three Month September 2005	s Ended	Three Mor Septemb 2005	oths Ended per 30th, 2004
Revenue Product	\$183,515 20,905	\$131,550	\$183,515	\$131,550
Service	20,905	15,824	20,905	15,824
Total Revenue	204,420	147,374	204,420	147,374
Cost of Revenue				
Product Service	44 507		82,133	
Amortization of intangible assets	11,587 3,854	127	11,587 -	-
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Total Cost of Revenue	97,574	62,972	93,720	62,845
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Gross Profit	106,846	84,402	110,700	84,529
Operating Expenses				
Research and development	29,600	23,781	29,600	23,781
Marketing and selling General and administrative	44,464 11 003	31,855 8,966	44,464 11,903	31,855 8 966
Stock-based compensation (Note A)	458	553	11, 903	-
In-process research & development	32,390	_	-	
Amortization of intangible assets	2,544	988	-	-
Restructuring	1,997	-	-	
Total Operating Expenses	123,356		85,967	
Operating income (loss)	(16,510)	18,259	24,733	10 027
Interest and other income (expense), net	1,719	651	1,719	651
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14,791)	18,910	26,452	20,578
Provision for income taxes	2,231 735	181	2,231	181
GAAP tax adjustment provision (benefit), net	735 	(244)	-	-
Net Income (loss)	(\$17,757) =======	\$18,973 ======	\$24,221 =======	\$20,397
Net income per common share - basic	(\$0.46)	\$0.58	\$0.62	\$0.62
Net income per common share - diluted	(\$0.46)	\$0.54	\$0.60	\$0.58
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	38,935	32,737	38,935	32,737
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	38,935	35,033	40,264	35,033

Note

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A. For the three month period ended 9/30/2005, stock based compensation related to stock options issued as part of the acquisition of M-Audio is comprised of \$36 of Research and development expense, \$137 of Marketing and selling expense, and \$285 of General and administrative expense, based on the departmental classification of the option holders.

For the three month period ended 9/30/2004, stock based compensation related to stock options issued as part of the acquisition of M-Audio is comprised of \$99 of Research and development expense, \$154 of Marketing and selling expense, and \$300 of General and administrative expense, based on the departmental classification of the option holders.

Non-GAAP net income	\$ 24,221	\$ 20,397
Stock-based compensation	(458)	(553)
In-process research & development	(32,390)	` -
Amortization of intangible assets	(6,398)	(1,115)
Restructuring	(1,997)	-
GAAP tax adjustment provision (benefit),	net (735)	244
GAAP net income (loss)	\$(17,757)	\$18,973
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	GAAP		NON - GAAP	
	Nine Mo Septem 2005	nths Ended ber 30th, 2004	Nine Mon	ths Ended ber 30th, 2004
Revenue	*	****		****
Product		\$369,403	\$472,327	\$369,403
Service	56,145	45,231 	58,145 	45,231
Total Revenue	530,472			
Cost of Revenue				
Product	204,274	152,907	204,274	152,907
Service	31,684	152,907 25,036	204,274 31,684	25,036
Amortization of intangible assets	4,417		-	-
Total Cost of Revenue	240,375	178,070	235,958	177,943
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Gross Profit	290,097	236,564	294,514	236,691
Operating Expenses Research and development	79,096	68,997 93,200	79,096 120,403	68,997
Marketing and selling	120,403	93,200	120,403	93,200
General and administrative		23,200	31,752	23,200
Stock-based compensation (Note A)	1,830	553	-	-
<pre>In-process research & development Amortization of intangible assets</pre>	32,390 5,729	1,976	_	_
Restructuring	1,997	1,910	- -	- -
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Total Operating Expenses	273,197	187,926 	231,251	185,397
Operating income	16,900	48,638	63, 263	51,294
Interest and other income, net Legal settlement	3,735 -	1,736 (1,050)	3,735	1,736 -
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Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		49,324 1,581	66,998 4,690	53,030 1 581
GAAP tax adjustment provision (benefit), net	390	(1,444)	-	-
Net Income	\$15,555 ======	\$49,187 ======	\$62,308 ======	\$51,449 ======
Net income per common share - basic	\$0.43	\$1.54	\$1.71	\$1.61
Net income per common share - diluted	\$0.41	\$1.43	\$1.63	\$1.50
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	36,381	31,857	36,381	31,857
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	38,217	34,374	38,217	34,374

Note

For the nine month period ended 9/30/2005, stock based compensation related to stock options issued as part of the acquisition of M-Audio is comprised of \$129 of Research and development expense, \$492 of Marketing and selling expense, and \$1,209 of General and administrative expense, based on the departmental classification of the option holders.

For the nine month period ended 9/30/2004, stock based compensation related to stock options issued as part of the acquisition of M-Audio is comprised of \$99 of Research and development expense, \$154 of Marketing and selling expense, and \$300 of General and administrative expense, based on the departmental classification of the option holders.

Non-GAAP net income	\$ 62,308	\$ 51,449
Stock-based compensation	(1,830)	(553)
In-process research & development	(32,390)	-
Amortization of intangible assets	(10,146)	(2,103)
Restructuring	(1,997)	-
GAAP tax adjustment provision (benefit),	net (390)	1,444
Legal settlement	-	(1,050)
GAAP net income	\$ 15,555	\$ 49,187
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	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
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ASSETS: Current assets:		
Cash and marketable securities Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$21,399 and \$9,334 at September 30, 2005 and	\$ 228,639	\$ 155,419
December 31, 2004, respectively	127,743	97,536
Inventories	93,219	53,946
Prepaid and other current assets	24,356	19,407
Total current assets	473,957	326,308
Property and equipment, net	39,237	29,092
Goodwill	395,832	165,803
Other intangible assets, net	128,751	46,884
Other assets	395, 832 128, 751 9, 546	8,147
Total assets	\$1,047,323 =========	\$ 576,234 =========
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Current liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other current liabilities Deferred revenues	\$ 38,335 113,137 70,514	\$ 26,517 74,727 48,680
Total current liabilities	221, 986	149,924
Long term liabilities, less current portion	11,736	1,689
Total liabilities	233,722	151,613
Stockholders' equity: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Accumulated deficit Deferred compensation Accumulated other comprehensive income Total stockholders' equity	417 920,596 (107,223) (2,308) 2,119	348 546,849 (122,775) (4,392) 4,591
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,047,323 =======	\$ 576,234 =======