

MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC
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**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

July 26, 2011

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-10658
(Commission File Number)

75-1618004
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

8000 South Federal Way

Boise, Idaho 83716-9632

(Address of principal executive offices)

(208) 368-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Convertible Senior Notes due 2031

On July 20, 2011, Micron Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Micron), entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as representative (the Representative) of the several initial purchasers named therein (collectively, the Initial Purchasers), to issue and sell \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 1.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2031 (the 2031A Notes) and \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 1.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2031 (the 2031B Notes and together with the 2031A Notes, the Notes) in the United States to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In addition, Micron granted the Initial Purchasers an option to purchase up to an additional \$45.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2031A Notes and up to an additional \$45.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2031B Notes on the same terms and conditions to cover over-allotments, if any. On July 22, 2011, the Representative exercised this option in full. Micron estimates that the net proceeds from the offering, including the exercise of the Initial Purchasers' option to purchase the additional Notes, will be approximately \$672.1 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. The Purchase Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On July 26, 2011, Micron entered into an indenture with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the Trustee), relating to the 2031A Notes (the 2031A Indenture) and an indenture with the Trustee, relating to the 2031B Notes (the 2031B Indenture and together with the 2031A Indenture, the Indentures). The 2031A Indenture and the form of global note for the 2031A Notes are filed as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2, respectively, and the 2031B Indenture and the form of global note for the 2031B Notes are filed as Exhibits 4.3 and 4.4, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The 2031A Notes bear interest at a rate of 1.50% per year on the principal amount and the 2031B Notes bear interest at a rate of 1.875% per year on the principal amount, in each case accruing from July 26, 2011. Interest is payable semiannually in arrears in cash on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning on February 1, 2012. The Notes will mature on August 1, 2031, subject to earlier conversion, redemption or repurchase.

The initial conversion rate for the 2031A Notes is 105.2632 shares of Micron's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (Common Stock), per \$1,000 principal amount of 2031A Notes. This is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$9.50 per share of Common Stock. The initial conversion rate for the 2031B Notes is 105.2632 shares of Common Stock per \$1,000 principal amount of 2031B Notes. This is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$9.50 per share of Common Stock. Holders may surrender their Notes for conversion prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the maturity date for the Notes only under the following circumstances: (1) if the Notes are called for redemption; (2) during any calendar quarter commencing at any time after September 30, 2011, and only during such calendar quarter, if the closing price of Common Stock for at least 20 trading days in a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding calendar quarter is more than 130% of the then applicable conversion price for the Notes per share of Common Stock, which is \$1,000 divided by the then applicable conversion rate of the Notes; (3) during the five business days immediately after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes for each day of that period was less than 98% of the product of the closing price of Common Stock and the then applicable conversion rate of the Notes; (4) if specified distributions to holders of Common Stock are made or specified corporate events occur; or (5) at any time on or after May 1, 2031.

Upon conversion, Micron will pay cash up to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes being converted and cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock, at Micron's option, for the remainder, if any, of Micron's conversion obligations.

If a holder elects to convert its Notes in connection with a make-whole change in control, as defined in the Indentures, Micron will, in certain circumstances, pay a make-whole premium by increasing the conversion rate for the Notes converted in connection with such make-whole change in control. Micron may not redeem the 2031A Notes prior to August 5, 2013 and may not redeem the 2031B Notes prior to August 5,

2014. On or after August 5, 2013, in the case of the 2031A Notes, and on or after August 5, 2014, in the case of the 2031B Notes, Micron may redeem for cash all or part of the Notes if the last reported sale price of Common Stock has been at least 130% of the conversion price then in effect for at least 20 trading days during any 30 consecutive trading day period ending within five trading days prior to the date on which Micron provides notice of redemption. The redemption price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, including any additional interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. If Micron redeems the Notes prior to August 5, 2015, in the case of the 2031A Notes, or prior to August 5, 2016, in the case of the 2031B Notes, Micron will also make a make-whole premium payment in cash equal to the present value of all remaining scheduled payments of interest on the Notes to be redeemed through August 5, 2015, in the case of the 2031A Notes, or through August 5, 2016, in the case of the 2031B Notes. The present value of the remaining interest payments will be computed using a discount rate equal to 150 basis points. On or after August 5, 2015, in the case of the 2031A Notes, and on or after August 5, 2016, in the case of the 2031B Notes, Micron may redeem for cash all or part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the sum of 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, including additional interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

On August 1, 2018, with respect to the 2031A Notes, and on August 1, 2020, with respect to the 2031B Notes, the holders may require Micron to repurchase all or a portion of their Notes at a cash repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, including any additional interest, to, but excluding, the repurchase date. Upon a change in control or a termination of trading, as defined in the Indenture, the holders may require Micron to repurchase for cash all or a portion of their Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the repurchase date.

The Notes are Micron's general, unsecured obligations and are effectively subordinated to all of Micron's existing and future secured debt, to the extent of the assets securing such debt, and are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of Micron's subsidiaries, including trade payables. The Indentures do not limit the amount of indebtedness that Micron or any of its subsidiaries may incur.

The following events are considered Events of Default, which may result in the acceleration of the maturity of each series of Notes under the applicable Indenture:

- Micron's failure to pay when due the principal on any of the Notes at maturity, upon optional redemption, upon required repurchase, upon declaration or otherwise;
- Micron's failure to pay interest on any of the Notes for 30 days after the date when due;
- Micron's failure to give timely notice of a termination of trading, a change of control or a make-whole change in control (each as defined in the Indentures) that does not constitute a change in control, which continues for a period of three business days;
- Micron's failure to comply with its obligation to convert the Notes into cash or a combination of cash and shares of Common Stock upon exercise of a holder's conversion right;
- Micron's failure to perform or observe any other covenants or agreement under the Notes or the applicable Indenture governing the Notes and Micron fails to cure or obtain a waiver of such default for a period of 60 days after receiving notice of such failure;
- A default by Micron under any debt (as defined in the Indentures) that results in acceleration of such debt, or the failure to pay any such debt at maturity, in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$100 million, and such acceleration has not been rescinded or annulled within 30 days;
- Certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to Micron or any significant subsidiary.

The summary of the foregoing transactions is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Purchase Agreement and Indentures, each of which are included as exhibits hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

Capped Call Transactions

In connection with the offering of the Notes, on July 20, 2011, Micron also entered into capped call transactions with Société Générale (the Initial Capped Calls). The Initial Capped Calls each have a lower strike price of \$9.50 per share, subject to certain adjustments, which matches the initial conversion price of the Notes. The Initial Capped Calls have cap prices that range from \$11.40 to \$13.17 per share. The Initial Capped Calls cover, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, approximately 63.2 million shares of Common Stock. In connection with the Initial Purchasers' exercise of their option to purchase additional Notes, Micron entered into additional capped call transactions with BNP Paribas and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc (the Additional Capped Calls) and together with the Initial Capped Calls, the Capped Calls). The Additional Capped Calls each have a lower strike price of \$9.50 per share, subject to certain adjustments, which matches the initial conversion price of the Notes. The Additional Capped Calls have cap prices that range from \$11.4000 to \$13.1708 per share. The Additional Capped Calls cover, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, approximately 9.5 million shares of Common Stock. The Capped Calls are intended to reduce the potential dilution upon conversion of the Notes. To the extent that market value per share of Common Stock exceeds the lower strike price, Micron will be entitled to receive, at Micron's election, shares of Common Stock or, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, cash from the counterparties. If, however, the market value per share of the Common Stock, as measured under the terms of the Capped Calls, exceeds the applicable cap price of the Capped Calls, there would be dilution to the extent that the then market value per share of the Common Stock exceeds the cap price. Micron paid approximately \$56.8 million from the net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Notes to purchase the Capped Calls. The expiration dates of the Capped Calls range from three to four-and-a-half years. The Capped Calls are subject to either adjustment or termination upon the occurrence of specified extraordinary events affecting Micron, including a merger event; tender offer; and a nationalization, insolvency or delisting involving Micron. In addition, the Capped Calls are subject to certain specified additional disruption events that may give rise to a termination of the Capped Calls, including changes in law; insolvency filings and hedging disruptions.

The summary of the foregoing transactions is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Capped Calls, a form of which will be filed with Micron's next annual report on Form 10-K.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The foregoing terms and conditions of the Notes and Indentures described in Items 1.01 and 3.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

As described in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference, Micron issued \$690,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes to the Initial Purchasers on July 26, 2011 in a private placement pursuant to exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Micron offered and sold the Notes to the Initial Purchasers in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. The Initial Purchasers are initially offering the Notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Micron relied on these exemptions from registration based in part on representations made by the Initial Purchasers.

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The Notes and Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

The Notes are convertible into cash and shares of Common Stock, if any, as described above.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	Purchase Agreement, dated July 20, 2011, by and between Micron Technology, Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as representative of the initial purchasers.
4.1	Indenture, dated as of July 26, 2011, by and between Micron Technology, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.2	Form of 2031A Note (included in Exhibit 4.1).
4.3	Indenture, dated as of July 26, 2011, by and between Micron Technology, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
4.4	Form of 2031B Note (included in Exhibit 4.3).

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.

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: July 26, 2011

By:	<i>/s/ Ronald C. Foster</i>
Name:	Ronald C. Foster
Title:	Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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