# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 21, 2016

# FORMFACTOR, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-50307 (Commission File Number) 13-3711155 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7005 Southfront Road
Livermore, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94551 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 290-4000

Not Applicable (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):

$\times$	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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	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 8.01. Other Events

On March 22, 2016, FormFactor, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( "FormFactor") and Cascade Microtech, Inc. ("Cascade Microtech"), issued a joint press release announcing that the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, for FormFactor's proposed acquisition of Cascade Microtech expired at 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2016. A copy of the joint press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Joint Press Release issued by FormFactor, Inc. and Cascade Microtech, Inc. dated March 22, 2016

# **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.

Date: March 22, 2016

# FORMFACTOR, INC.

By: /s/ Michael M. Ludwig

Name: Michael M. Ludwig Title: Chief Financial Officer EXHIBIT INDEX

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#### **News Release**

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FormFactor and Cascade Microtech Announce Expiration of HSR Act Waiting Period in FormFactor's Proposed Acquisition of Cascade Microtech

**LIVERMORE, CA and BEAVERTON, OR—March 22, 2016.** —FormFactor, Inc. (NASDAQ: FORM) ("FormFactor") and Cascade Microtech, Inc. (NASDAQ: CSCD) ("Cascade Microtech") today announced that the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act") for FormFactor's proposed acquisition of Cascade Microtech expired at 11:59 p.m. on March 21, 2016. The HSR Act imposes waiting periods on certain transactions to allow for antitrust review before those transactions can close. The expiration of the waiting period under the HSR Act satisfies one of the conditions to the closing of the proposed acquisition, which remains subject to other customary closing conditions, including receipt of the approval of Cascade Microtech shareholders. The companies expect to close the transaction in mid-2016.

# Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including with respect to the anticipated timing, completion and effects of the proposed merger between FormFactor and Cascade Microtech.

These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs, and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties, many of which are beyond FormFactor's and Cascade Microtech's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the expected closing of the transaction and other statements regarding the proposed transaction. Forward-looking statements may contain words such as "may," "might," "could," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "intend" and "continue," the negative or plural of these words and similar expressions, and include the assumptions that underlie such statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: failure of the Cascade Microtech shareholders to approve the proposed merger; the terms and availability of the proposed financing arrangements; the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed merger may not be satisfied; and other factors, including those set forth in the most current Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by FormFactor and Cascade Microtech with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), under the caption "Risk Factors" and elsewhere. All forward-looking statements are based on management's estimates, projections and assumptions as of the date hereof. No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what impact they will have on the results of operations or financial condition of FormFactor or Cascade Microtech. Unless required by law, FormFactor and Cascade Microtech are under no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update or revise their forward-looking statements whether as a result of new inform

#### No Offer or Solicitation

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval with respect to the proposed merger or otherwise. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, FormFactor intends to file a registration statement on Form S-4, which will include a preliminary prospectus, related materials to register the shares of FormFactor common stock to be issued in the merger and other documents concerning the proposed merger, and Cascade Microtech intends to file a proxy statement/prospectus and other documents concerning the proposed merger with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FORMFACTOR, CASCADE MICROTECH, AND THE PROPOSED MERGER. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus (when they are available) and any other documents filed by FormFactor and Cascade Microtech with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of documents filed with the SEC by FormFactor may also be obtained for free by contacting FormFactor Investor Relations by mail at FormFactor Inc., Investor Relations, 7005 Southfront St., Livermore, California 94551, Attention: Investor Relations or by going to FormFactor's Investor Relations page on its corporate web site at www.formfactor.com, and copies of documents filed with the SEC by Cascade Microtech may also be obtained for free by contacting Cascade Microtech Investor Relations by mail at Cascade Microtech, Inc., 9100 SW Gemini Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97008, Attention: Investor Relations or by going to Cascade Microtech's Investor Relations page on its corporate web site at www.cascademicrotech.com. The contents of the websites referenced above are not deemed to be incorporated by reference into the registration statement or the proxy statement/prospectus.

# Participants in the Solicitation

Cascade Microtech and FormFactor and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Cascade Microtech shareholders with respect to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of Cascade Microtech security holders in connection with the proposed merger will be set forth in the registration statement and the proxy statement/prospectus when filed with the SEC. Information regarding Cascade Microtech's executive officers and directors is included in Cascade Microtech's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 7, 2016, and its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on April 6, 2015. Information regarding FormFactor's executive officers and directors is included in FormFactor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 4, 2016, its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the SEC on March 19, 2015 and its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on August 7, 2015. Copies of the foregoing documents may be obtained as provided above. Certain executive officers and directors of Cascade Microtech and FormFactor have interests in the transactions that may differ from the interests of Cascade Microtech and FormFactor shareholders generally. These interests will be described in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.