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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: November 25, 2002

Semtech Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-6395	95-2119684
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Flynn Road Camarillo, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	93012-8790 (Zip Code)
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(805) 498-2111 (Registrant's
telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

The Registrant issued the press release, filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto,
on November 25, 2002.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
99.1	Press Release of the Registrant dated November 25, 2002.

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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 25, 2002

SEMTECH CORPORATON

By: /s/ David G. Franz, Jr.

David G. Franz, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

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SEMTECH ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

1:30 p.m. PT

Monday, November 25, 2002

CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA, November 25, 2002 - SEMTECH CORPORATION (Nasdaq: SMTC) today announced results for its fiscal year 2003 third quarter that ended October 27, 2002.

Sales for the third quarter of fiscal year 2003 were \$47.2 million, up 8 percent from sales of \$43.7 million in the third quarter of fiscal year 2002. On a sequential basis, net sales were down 9 percent.

Gross margin in the third quarter of fiscal year 2003 was 56 percent, up from 55 percent in prior year. Operating income was \$8.5 million, which included one-time costs of \$1.2 million for an expected loss on the future sub-lease of the Company's New York office and asset impairment at the Corpus Christi, Texas wafer fabrication facility. Operating income was \$13.2 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2003 and \$9.0 million in the third quarter of fiscal year 2002.

Interest and other income in the third quarter included \$10.7 million of pre-tax gain on the repurchase of the Company's convertible subordinated notes. This gain, which was higher than forecast, was responsible for the increase in the effective tax rate for the third quarter. The Company's effective tax rate is expected to return to 25 percent in the fourth quarter.

Net income was \$13.0 million or 17 cents per diluted share for the third quarter of fiscal year 2003. For the third quarter of fiscal year 2002, the Company reported net income of \$9.1 million or 12 cents per diluted share.

Operating cash flow was a positive \$10.7 million and \$44.4 million for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal year 2003, respectively. Semtech's cash and marketable securities, net of debt, finished the quarter at \$226.6 million, up \$11.3 million over the second quarter even after the buyback of \$7.8 million in common stock. Operating cash flow for all of fiscal year 2003 is forecasted to be a positive \$60.0 million.

Sales for the nine months ended October 27, 2002 were \$148.4 million, up 3

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percent from \$144.8 million in the prior year period. Net income for the first nine months of fiscal year 2003 was \$34.1 million or 44 cents per diluted share, which compared to net income of \$17.3 million or 25 cents per diluted share in the first nine months of fiscal year 2002.

Results for the first nine months of fiscal year 2003 include \$1.2 million of one-time costs for an expected loss on a sub-lease and asset impairment, \$11.2 million of pre-tax gain on the repurchase of convertible subordinated notes, and the sale of \$862,000 of inventory that was previously written-off. Included in the prior year nine-month results were one-time costs of \$16.7 million for the write-down of inventory, headcount reductions and a Superfund settlement, and \$2.3 million of pre-tax gain on the repurchase of convertible subordinated notes.

Third Quarter Commentary

Shipments of Portable Power Management and Test and Measurement Products grew sequentially in the third quarter. Power Management shipments into the portable equipment markets have increased 239 percent from the third quarter of last year and represent 19 percent of Semtech's third quarter revenues. Sales of all other product lines declined in the third quarter. Shipments to desktop computer customers were down in the quarter as a result of lower available content and increased competition.

Visibility remains low, as customers are still only placing backlog for near-term business. Portable Power Management orders were up 42 percent sequentially, Protection and Desktop/Server Power Management were up slightly and all other major product lines declined. Orders for Test and Measurement Products declined sequentially by 50 percent.

Jack Poe, Chairman and CEO commented, "As a result of our new product development and design win efforts in the areas of portable devices, industrial, telecom and networking equipment, the Power Management business is much more diversified. This diversification will continue over the next twelve months, as we ship new Power Management Products into the industrial and communications markets."

Mr. Poe added, "The prospects for fiscal year 2004 are improving. Based on current forecasts, all of our major product lines are expected to grow during calendar year 2003, with acceleration likely during the second half of the year. Test and Measurement Products face the toughest growth challenge, especially in the first half of the year due to the weak ATE market."

Design Wins and Growth Opportunities

While bookings in the third quarter reflected cautious customer order patterns, new product introductions and design win activity continued unabated. Five hundred new design wins were recorded in the third quarter with annual potential revenue of \$63.0 million. Cellular phones were the largest end application in new designs, followed by desktop and notebook computers. The trend towards more advanced cell phones with color screens has increased the available content. Design wins for Semtech's patented Combi-Sense(TM) topology used to power desktop computers should lead to significant market-share improvement beginning in the second quarter of next year.

Outlook

Semtech estimates that net sales for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2003 will be in the range of \$43.0 to \$45.0 million. Turns orders (orders received and shipped in the same quarter) of approximately 47 percent are required to achieve this forecast. Gross margin is expected to improve slightly from the third quarter and earnings are forecasted to be in the range of 9 to 11 cents per diluted share. The earnings forecast assumes \$2.0 million of interest and other income, which can vary based on the amount of convertible subordinated debentures repurchased in the quarter.

The Company expects fourth quarter revenues for most product lines to be

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flat with the third quarter. Sales out of Test and Measurement and Power Management for computer gaming applications are expected to decline.

Buyback Update

Semtech spent \$61.1 million in the open market during the third quarter of fiscal year 2003 to buyback 729,300 shares of common stock and \$65.2 million face value of its convertible subordinated notes. An additional \$50.0 million was authorized in September 2002, raising the total amount of the current buyback program to \$200.0 million. Since January 2001, the Company has bought back \$167.6 million in stock and notes under this program.

David Franz, Chief Financial Officer noted, "Our strong cash flow and weakness in the financial markets allowed the Company to accelerate its buyback of debentures and stock in the quarter."

About Semtech

Semtech Corporation is a leading supplier of analog and mixed-signal semiconductors used in a wide range of computer, industrial and communication applications.

Safe Harbor Provision

Statements contained in this release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements, including projections and forecasts for revenue and gross margin, involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks and uncertainties include worldwide economic conditions, the timing and duration of semiconductor market upturns or downturns, demand for personal computers, cellular phones and automated test equipment, demand for semiconductor devices in general, competitors' actions, relations with large strategic customers and suppliers, manufacturing costs and yields, demand for the Company's products in particular, and risks associated with the businesses of major customers. Other factors that may cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements contained in this press release and that may affect the Company's prospects in general are described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or changed assumptions or circumstances.

Investor Relations Contact

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SEMTECH CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands - except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	(Unaudited) October 27, 2002	(Unaudited) October 28, 2001	(Unaudited) October 27, 2002	(Unaudited) October 28, 2001
Net sales	\$47,168	\$43,745	\$148,427	\$144,805
Cost of sales	20,736	19,616	63,583	77,595 (c)
Gross profit	26,432	24,129	84,844	67,210

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Operating costs and expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	8,790	7,982	26,018	25,912
Product development and engineering	7,912	7,150	23,709	22,517
One-time costs	1,202 (a)	-	1,202 (a)	2,727 (b)

Total operating costs and expenses	17,904	15,132	50,929	51,156

Operating income	8,528	8,997	33,915	16,054

Interest and other income, net	10,649	3,670	13,368	7,920

Income before provision for taxes	19,177	12,667	47,283	23,974
Provision for taxes	6,137	3,547	13,164	6,713

Net income	\$13,040	\$9,120	\$34,119	\$17,261
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$0.18	\$0.13	\$0.47	\$0.25
Diluted	\$0.17	\$0.12	\$0.44	\$0.25
Weighted average number of shares:				
Basic	73,389	70,605	73,139	69,505
Diluted	76,721	78,338	77,430	77,559

Notes regarding Consolidated Statements of Income:

- (a) "One-time costs" of \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2003 were for an expected loss on the future sub-lease of the Company's New York office and asset impairment at the Corpus Christi, Texas wafer fabrication facility.
- (b) "One-time costs" of \$2.7 million in fiscal year 2002 were for headcount reductions and a Superfund settlement.
- (c) "Cost of sales" for fiscal year 2002 includes a \$14.0 million write-down of inventory.

SEMTECH CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

	October 27, 2002	January 27, 2002

(Unaudited)		
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$144,560	\$46,300
Temporary investments	232,764	324,870
Receivables, less allowances	21,111	19,181
Inventories	20,070	22,728
Income taxes refundable	-	2,019
Deferred income taxes	11,973	11,786
Other current assets	2,955	3,372

Total current assets	433,433	430,256
Property, plant and equipment, net	52,270	51,516
Investments, maturities in excess of 1 year	106,260	172,332
Deferred income taxes	26,025	27,659

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Other assets	5,228	8,638
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$623,216	\$690,401
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$7,148	\$7,341
Accrued liabilities	11,578	16,845
Deferred revenue	3,146	1,936
Income taxes payable	2,240	1,099
Other current liabilities	62	65
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Total current liabilities	24,174	27,286
Long-term debt	256,970	364,320
Total Stockholders' equity	342,072	298,795
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 623,216	\$ 690,401
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