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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated October 13, 2016)

4,972,905 Shares

Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the sale or other disposition from time to time of up to 4,972,905 shares of our common stock to be sold by the selling stockholder named in this prospectus. The 4,972,905 shares of common stock covered by this prospectus were sold by us in a private placement of these securities, as described in the section entitled “Selling Stockholder” beginning on page S-4. We are not selling any common stock under this prospectus and will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of shares by the selling stockholder.

The selling stockholder may sell or otherwise dispose of the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus in a number of different ways and at varying prices. We provide more information about how the selling stockholder may sell or otherwise dispose of its shares of common stock in the section entitled “Plan of Distribution” beginning on page S-6. Discounts, concessions, commissions and similar selling expenses attributable to the sale of shares of common stock covered by this prospectus will be borne by the selling stockholder. We will pay all expenses (other than discounts, concessions, commissions and similar selling expenses) relating to the registration of the shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “NPTN.” On December 16, 2016, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$12.60 per share.

Our business and an investment in our common stock involve significant risks. These risks are described under the caption "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the common stock the selling stockholder is offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus dated October 13, 2016, gives more general information about our securities, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with this offering, in their entirety before making an investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections of this prospectus supplement entitled “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference.”

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, along with the information contained in any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. We have not, and the selling stockholder has not, authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date—for example, a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement—the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. Under no circumstances should the delivery to you of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any sale made pursuant to this prospectus supplement create any implication that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is correct as of any time after the respective dates of such information. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, include trademarks, service marks and trade names owned by us or others. All trademarks, service marks and trade names included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any related free writing prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

The selling stockholder is offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

We obtained the industry and market data in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, from our own research as well as from industry and general publications, surveys and studies conducted by third parties. These data involve a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such estimates. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the industry in which we operate is necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates made by the independent parties and by us.

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CONVENTIONS THAT APPLY IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus supplement to:

- “100G products” collectively refers to all products sold by us designed for use at 100Gbps (“100G”), and in coherent transmission systems designed for use at 100Gbps or higher data rates. Some customers may use components designed for use at 100G at lower speeds. Our 100G products include both coherent transmission products and 100G network products that are not coherent;
- “Coherent” refers to optical transmission systems that encode information in the phase of an optical signal and decode such information through comparison with an independent laser at the receiver and digital signal processing;
- “High Speed Products” refers to transmitter and receiver products as well as switching and other component products for 100G optical transmission applications over distances of 2 to 2,000 kilometers. Our high speed 100G and beyond products are based on our Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration technology. These technologies support encoding 100 gigabits or more per second of information for transmitting over a single channel and decoding the information at the receiver. Through 2014, our use of this term included our products designed for use at 40Gbps (“40G”) and that comprised less than 1% of our total revenue and approximately 1% of our revenue from high speed products in the year ended December 31, 2014. From 2015 onward, High Speed Products refers exclusively to products sold by us and designed for use at 100Gbps or higher data rates;
- “Network Products and Solutions” collectively refers to all products sold by us for use in optical communications networks and a variety of other applications that are designed for use at data rates that are less than 100Gbps, including 40G, 10G and lower data rates. These products include certain passive products that do not explicitly have a data rate specification, but that are most commonly used in networks at these data rates. From 2015 onward, Network Products and Solutions includes products sold by us and designed for use at 40G that, prior to 2015, were included with High Speed Products; and
- “PIC” refers to Photonic Integrated Circuit.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, we use the terms “NeoPhotonics,” “we,” “us,” “our” and “the Company” in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus to refer to NeoPhotonics Corporation and, where appropriate, its subsidiaries.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering; it may not contain all of the information that is important to you. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include information about the shares we are offering as well as information regarding our business and financial data. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with this offering, in their entirety. Investors should carefully consider the information set forth under “Risk Factors” in this prospectus supplement.

NeoPhotonics Corporation

Overview

We develop, manufacture and sell optoelectronic products that transmit, receive and switch high speed digital optical signals for communications networks. We sell our products to the world’s leading network equipment manufacturers, including Ciena Corporation, Cisco Systems, Inc., HiSilicon Technologies, Ltd., an affiliate of Huawei Technologies, Co., Ltd. and Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. and Nokia Corporation (formerly Alcatel-Lucent SA which was acquired by Nokia Corporation in January 2016). These companies are among our largest customers and a focus of our strategy due to their leading market positions.

We have research and development and wafer fabrication facilities in San Jose and Fremont, California and in Tokyo, Japan that coordinate with our research and development and manufacturing facilities in Dongguan, Shenzhen and Wuhan, China, Ottawa, Canada, and Moscow, Russia. We use proprietary design tools and design-for-manufacturing techniques to align our design process with our precision nanoscale, vertically integrated manufacturing and testing. We believe we are one of the highest volume Photonic Integrated Circuit, or PIC, manufacturers in the world and that we can further expand our manufacturing capacity to meet market needs.

Recognizing our focus on growth in our 100Gbps (“100G”) and beyond products, we aligned our product group reporting to “High Speed Products” which includes products designed for 100G and beyond applications and “Network Products and Solutions” which comprises our passive and instrumentation products that generally do not have a specific data rate, though such products may also be used in High Speed applications. Our High Speed Products primarily implement coherent technology and include those designed for 100G and beyond data rates for telecom and datacenter or content provider networks and applications.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in October 1996 in the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134, USA, and our telephone number is +1(408) 232-9200. Our website address is www.neophotonics.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase shares of our common stock. We changed our name to NeoPhotonics Corporation in 2002 after having been incorporated as NanoGram Corporation.

Our name is a registered trademark of NeoPhotonics Corporation. This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus contain additional trade names and trademarks of NeoPhotonics and of other companies.

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The Offering

This prospectus relates to the sale or other disposition from time to time of up to 4,972,905 shares of our common stock all of which are held by the selling stockholder named in this prospectus.

Issuer:	NeoPhotonics Corporation
Shares offered by the selling stockholder	4,972,905
Shares outstanding after this offering	42,324,018
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares offered hereby. See “Use of Proceeds” in this prospectus supplement.
Risk Factors	See “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-3 in this prospectus for a discussion of factors that you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.

The number of our shares of common stock outstanding is based on 42,324,018 shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2016, and excludes the following:

- 4,345,014 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding as of October 31, 2016, with a weighted average exercise price of \$5.17 per share;
- 2,078,584 shares of common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units outstanding as of October 31, 2016; and
- 1,565,140 shares of common stock available for future grants under our equity incentive plans, including our employee stock purchase plan.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in shares of our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in shares of our common stock, you should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus in their entirety, together with other information in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering. The risks described in these documents are not the only ones we face, but those that we consider to be material. There may be other unknown or unpredictable economic, business, competitive, regulatory or other factors that could have material adverse effects on our future results. Past financial performance may not be a reliable indicator of future performance, and historical trends should not be used to anticipate results or trends in future periods. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be seriously harmed. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. Please also read carefully the section below entitled “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, including the information that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, including statements regarding our future financial condition, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that are not historical facts and can be identified by terms such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “could,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “plans,” “potential,” “predicts,” “will,” “would” or similar expressions and the negatives of those terms.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Also, forward-looking statements represent our management’s beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information that we incorporate by reference, and the documents that we have filed as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed under “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus, and in the information that we incorporate by reference.

Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

We qualify all of the forward-looking statements in the foregoing documents by these cautionary statements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholder.

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SELLING STOCKHOLDER

The following table sets forth information regarding the number of shares of our common stock as of October 31, 2016, held for the account of, and the numbers of shares being sold, by the selling stockholder.

Name of Selling Stockholder	Shares Beneficially Owned		Shares Beneficially Owned	
	Prior to the Offering	Shares Being	After the Offering	
	Total	Offered	Number	Percent
Joint Stock Company "RUSNANO" Prospect 60-letiya Oktyabrya 10a, 117036, Moscow, Russian Federation(1)	4,972,905	4,972,905	—	—

(1) Rusnano is an joint stock company organized under the laws of the Russian Federation. The supervisory board of Rusnano has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by Rusnano. The Russian Federation owns 100% of Rusnano. Dmitry Akhanov, a member of our board of directors, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rusnano USA, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Rusnano, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Private Placement and Related Agreements with Rusnano

Board members

Dmitry Akhanov, a member of our board of directors since July 2013, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rusnano USA, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Rusnano. Prior to Mr. Akhanov's appointment in July 2013, Sergey Polikarpov, a Managing Director of Rusnano, served as a member of our board of directors beginning in April 2012.

Private placement transaction

In April 2012, we entered into a rights agreement with Rusnano. Under the rights agreement, we agreed to make a \$30.0 million investment commitment, or the Investment Commitment, toward our Russian operations. The Investment Commitment can be partially satisfied by cash and/or non-cash investment inside or outside of Russia and/or by way of non-cash asset transfers.

In July 2015, we amended our rights agreement with Rusnano. The amendment to the rights agreement became effective on June 30, 2015 and provides for an updated investment plan for our Russian subsidiaries that includes a non-cash transfer of licensing rights to intellectual property, non-cash transfers of exiting equipment and commitments to complete the remaining milestones of approximately one-half of the overall investment through fiscal year 2019. It also provides that the maximum amount of penalties to be paid by us will not exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate, with the following penalties for failure to meet specified milestones and exit options at the end of the following years, subject to a 90-day cure period (“Cure Period”) following such years:

- By December 31, 2015, if the actual cumulative investment and spending to our Russian subsidiaries was less than \$13.0 million, or if we had not sold any products manufactured by its Russian subsidiary, or if we had not completed agreed-upon manufacturing milestones, then we would be subject to a \$5.0 million penalty within 30 days after the end of the applicable Cure Period; if the cumulative investments and spending to our Russian subsidiaries were less than \$15.4 million but more than \$13.0 million by December 31, 2015 and was not cured within the applicable Cure Period, we would be subject to a \$1.5 million penalty within 30 days after the end of the applicable Cure Period. We fulfilled our investment commitment required by 2015 and had contributed over \$15.4 million in cash and assets to our subsidiaries in Russia as of December 31, 2015. We also satisfied the requirement related to sale of products manufactured by our Russian subsidiary as of December 31, 2015. However, we were not in full compliance with the completion of agreed-upon manufacturing milestones as of December 31, 2015 (and as of the end of the Cure Period ended March 30, 2016) since certain required equipment was delivered but not fully installed and operational as of that date. We have remediated these issues and, in August 2016, entered into the second amendment to the Rights Agreement with Rusnano (the “Amended Rights Agreement”) to address this matter. The amendment extended the foregoing manufacturing deadlines to June 30, 2016 and confirmed that we

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had completed these milestones as of June 30, 2016. As a result, we will not be held liable for the \$5.0 million penalty.

- By December 31, 2016, if the actual cumulative investment and spending to our subsidiaries in Russia is less than \$18.8 million, we will be subject to a \$1.5 million penalty within 30 days after the end of the applicable Cure Period.
- At the end of 2016, we will be subject to pay an exit fee of \$3.5 million to Rusnano should we decide to cease the operations of our subsidiaries in Russia, provided that the cumulative investments and spending including the tangible asset transfers, other than intangible asset transfers which is limited to a maximum valuation of \$5.7 million, exceed \$10.0 million.
- At the end of 2019, we will be subject to pay an exit fee of \$2.0 million to Rusnano should we decide to cease the operations of our subsidiaries in Russia, if the cumulative investments and spending are less than \$30.0 million.

In August 2016, we entered into a letter of agreement with Rusnano to agree to transfer a product line and incur expected costs of approximately \$0.1 million by July 30, 2017.

Separately, on December 18, 2014, we entered into a Commitment to file a Registration Statement and Related Waiver of Registration Rights, whereby Rusnano waived certain registration rights in connection with a potential offering by us of shares of our common stock, and we committed to file with the SEC a resale registration statement on Form S-1 covering the resale of all shares of our common stock held by Rusnano, or the 2015 Registration Statement. We filed the 2015 Registration Statement on April 6, 2015 to register 4,972,905 shares of our common stock held by Rusnano. Rusnano also waived its demand registration rights under the original rights agreement and agreed to enter into a lock up agreement with us whereby it would agree not to sell any shares of our common stock, or engage in certain other transactions relating to our securities, for a period of 60 days from the filing date of the 2015 Registration Statement. Rusnano signed such lock up agreement with us on April 2, 2015. In connection with our public stock offering completed in the second quarter of 2015, Rusnano entered into a separate lock up agreement with Needham & Company, LLC, the lead underwriter of the offering, whereby it agreed not to sell any shares of our common stock, or engage in certain other transactions relating to our securities, for a period of 180 days from May 21, 2015. Such lock up agreement expired in November 2015.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering the shares of common stock issued to the selling stockholder to permit the resale of these shares by the selling stockholder from time to time after the date of this prospectus supplement. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale by the selling stockholder of the shares. We will bear all fees and expenses incident to our obligation to register the shares.

The selling stockholder and any of its pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their shares covered hereby on The New York Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or negotiated prices. The selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- an underwritten public offering in which one or more underwriters participate;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
 - an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- settlement of short sales entered into after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are a part, to the extent permitted by law;
- in transactions through broker-dealers that agree with the selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- put or call options transactions or through the writing or settlement of standardized or over-the-counter options or other hedging or derivative transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;

- by pledge to secure debts and other obligations;
- a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

To the extent required by law, this prospectus supplement may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution, which amended or supplemented prospectus may include the following information to the extent required by law:

- the terms of the offering;
- the names of any underwriters or agents;
- the purchase price of the shares of common stock;
- any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation;
- any initial public offering price; and

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- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

The selling stockholder may also sell common stock under Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.

If underwriters are used in the sale, the shares will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. In connection with any such underwritten sale of shares, underwriters may receive compensation from the selling stockholder, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. If the selling stockholder uses an underwriter or underwriters to effectuate the sale of shares, we and/or they will execute an underwriting agreement with those underwriters at the time of sale of those shares. To the extent required by law, the names of the underwriters will be set forth in a supplement to this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement that includes this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, used by the underwriters to sell those securities. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase those shares will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the shares offered by such prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus if any of such shares are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholder may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholder (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with FINRA Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with FINRA IM-2440-1.

From time to time, the selling stockholder may pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in some or all of the common stock owned by it. The pledgees, secured parties, or persons to whom the shares have been hypothecated will, upon foreclosure, be deemed to be a selling stockholder. The number of a selling stockholder's shares offered under this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus will decrease as and when it takes such actions. The plan of distribution for that selling stockholder's shares will otherwise remain unchanged.

In connection with the sale of the shares of common stock or interests therein, the selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholder may also sell the shares short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions or to return borrowed shares in connection with such short sales, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling

stockholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or create one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the selling stockholder has been advised that it may not use shares registered on this registration statement to cover short sales of our common stock made prior to the date the registration statement, of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus forms a part, was declared effective by the SEC.

The selling stockholder may also sell common stock from time to time through agents. We will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of such shares and will list commissions payable to these agents in a prospectus supplement, if required. These agents will be acting on a best efforts basis to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment, unless we state otherwise in any required prospectus supplement.

The selling stockholder may sell shares directly to purchasers. In this case, they may not engage underwriters or agents in the offer and sale of such shares.

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The selling stockholder may elect to make a pro rata in-kind distribution of the common stock to its members, partners or shareholders. In such event we may file a prospectus supplement to the extent required by law in order to permit the distributees to use the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus to resell the shares acquired in the distribution.

The selling stockholder and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the common stock may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any discounts, commissions or concessions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act and the rules of FINRA. If the selling stockholder is an “underwriter” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, it will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act and may be subject to certain statutory liabilities of, including but not limited to, Sections 11, 12 and 17 of the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The selling stockholder has informed us that it is not a registered broker-dealer and does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the shares. In no event shall any underwriter or broker-dealer receive fees, commissions and markups which, in the aggregate, would exceed eight percent (8%); however, we anticipate that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

We are required to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by us incident to the registration of the shares. We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholder against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and the selling stockholder may be entitled to contribution. We may be indemnified by the selling stockholder against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, that may arise from any written information furnished to us by the selling stockholder specifically for use in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus (up to the amount of the net proceeds received by the selling stockholder upon the sale of the securities included in the registration statement giving rise to such indemnification obligation), or we may be entitled to contribution.

The selling stockholder will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act including Rule 172 thereunder unless an exemption therefrom is available.

We agreed to use our commercially reasonable efforts keep the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are a part effective until the earlier of (i) the date on which the shares may be resold by the selling stockholder without registration and without regard to any volume restrictions by reason of Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect, (ii) all of the shares have been sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus or Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect or (iii) two years from the date the initial registration statement covering the offer and sale of the shares was declared effective by the SEC (April 17, 2015), provided that such two-year period is subject to extension for the number of days that the effectiveness of the initial registration statement or this registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are a part is suspended. The resale shares will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in

certain states, the resale of shares covered hereby may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the resale shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to the common stock for the applicable restricted period, as defined in Regulation M, prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling stockholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of common stock by the selling stockholder or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus available to the selling stockholder and have informed it of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale (including by compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act, unless an exemption therefrom is available).

There can be no assurance that the selling stockholder will sell any or all of the common stock registered pursuant to the registration statement, of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus forms a part. In addition, there can be no assurances that the selling stockholder will not transfer, devise or gift the shares by other means not described in this prospectus.

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Once sold under the registration statement, of which this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus forms a part, the shares will be freely tradable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates.

LEGAL MATTERS

Cooley LLP, Palo Alto, California, has passed upon the validity of the common stock offered by this prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus by reference from NeoPhotonics Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of NeoPhotonics Corporation's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated by reference herein. Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus is part of the registration statement on Form S-3 we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act and does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus to any of our contracts, agreements or other documents, the reference may not be complete and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement or the exhibits to the reports or other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus for a copy of such contract, agreement or other document. Because we are subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. In addition, any person to whom this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus is delivered may request copies of this prospectus supplement and any related amendments or supplements or documents incorporated by reference, without charge, by written or telephonic request directed to Clyde R. Wallin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NeoPhotonics Corporation, 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134; telephone: (408) 232-9200; E-mail: ray.wallin@neophotonics.com.

We maintain a website at www.neophotonics.com. Information found on, or accessible through, our website is not a part of, and is not incorporated into, this prospectus supplement or accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider it part of this prospectus supplement or accompanying prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” information from other documents that we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Information in this prospectus supplement supersedes information in the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference that we filed with the SEC prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, while information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement is a part the information or documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC (Commission File No. 001-35061):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2016;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on May 10, 2016;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2016;

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- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on November 8, 2016;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2016, April 25, 2016, June 10, 2016, July 5, 2016, August 8, 2016, September 16, 2016, September 20, 2016, September 27, 2016, October 6, 2016, October 27, 2016 and December 19, 2016; and
- the information specifically incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, from our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed on April 26, 2016; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 28, 2011, including any amendments or reports filed for the purposes of updating this description.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary) made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until we file a post-effective amendment that indicates the termination of the offering of the securities made by this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and will become a part of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus from the date that such documents are filed with the SEC. Information in such future filings updates and supplements the information provided in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Any statements in any such future filings will automatically be deemed to modify and supersede any information in any document we previously filed with the SEC that is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference to the extent that statements in the later filed document modify or replace such earlier statements.

We will furnish without charge to you, on written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, including exhibits to these documents. You should direct any requests for documents to Clyde R. Wallin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NeoPhotonics Corporation, 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134; telephone: (408) 232-9200; E-mail: ray.wallin@neophotonics.com.

You also may access these filings on our website at www.neophotonics.com. We do not incorporate the information on our website into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and you should not consider any information on, or that can be accessed through, our website as part of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus (other than those filings with the SEC that we specifically incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus).

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You can request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

NeoPhotonics Corporation

2911 Zanker Road

San Jose, California 95134

(408) 232-9200

Attn: Secretary

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PROSPECTUS

\$80,000,000

Common Stock

8,261,882 Shares of Common Stock Offered by Selling Stockholders

From time to time, we may offer and sell up to an aggregate amount of \$80,000,000 of common stock.

In addition, selling stockholders to be named in a prospectus supplement may also offer and sell, from time to time, up to 8,261,882 shares of our common stock. To the extent that any selling stockholder resells any securities, the selling stockholder may be required to provide you with this prospectus and a prospectus supplement identifying and containing specific information about the selling stockholder and the terms of the securities being offered. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock by selling stockholders.

We will provide the specific terms of these offerings in one or more supplements to this prospectus. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you in connection with these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as any documents incorporated by reference, before buying any of the shares of common stock being offered.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NPTN." On October 3, 2016, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$16.12 per share.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should review carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in any free writing

prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The securities may be sold directly by us to investors, through agents designated from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities with respect to which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such agents or underwriters and any applicable fees, commissions, discounts and over-allotment options will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. The price to the public of such securities and the net proceeds that we expect to receive from such sale will also be set forth in a prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is October 13, 2016.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration statement, we may, from time to time, offer and sell, either individually or in combination, in one or more offerings, up to a total dollar amount of \$80,000,000 any of the securities described in this prospectus. In addition, under this shelf process, the selling stockholders to be named in a supplement to this prospectus may, from time to time, offer or sell up to 8,261,882 shares of our common stock. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or the selling stockholders may offer.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we and the selling stockholders may offer. Each time we and/or the selling stockholders offer securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain more specific information about the terms of that offering. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you may also add, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus or in the documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We urge you to read carefully this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the heading “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference,” before buying any of the securities being offered.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, along with the information contained in any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering. Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed, will be filed or will be incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information.”

This prospectus contains and incorporates by reference market data and industry statistics and forecasts that are based on independent industry publications and other publicly available information. Although we believe these sources are reliable, we do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and we have not independently verified this information. Although we are not aware of any misstatements regarding the market and industry data presented in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference, these estimates involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Accordingly, investors should not place undue reliance on this information.

For investors outside the United States: We have not done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.

To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus, on the one hand, and the information contained in any document incorporated by reference filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) before the date of this prospectus, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in

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this prospectus. If any statement in a document incorporated by reference is inconsistent with a statement in another document incorporated by reference having a later date, the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

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CONVENTIONS THAT APPLY IN THIS PROSPECTUS

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus to:

- “100G products” collectively refers to all products sold by us designed for use at 100Gbps (“100G”), and in coherent transmission systems designed for use at 100Gbps or higher data rates. Some customers may use components designed for use at 100G at lower speeds. Our 100G products include both coherent transmission products and 100G network products that are not coherent;
- “Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration” refers to state-of-the-art integration of multi-platform materials and devices;
- “Coherent” refers to optical transmission systems that encode information in the phase of an optical signal and decode such information through comparison with an independent laser at the receiver and digital signal processing;
- “Flex Coherent” refers to a class of 100G transceivers and line cards in which the modulation format, and hence the reach and data-rate, can be altered by software command such that the same optical hardware can be used for metro, long-haul or, in some cases, datacenter interconnect applications.
- “High Speed Products” refers to transmitter and receiver products as well as switching and other component products for 100G optical transmission applications over distances of 2 to 2,000 kilometers. Our high speed 100G and beyond products are based on our Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration technology. These technologies support encoding 100 gigabits or more per second of information for transmitting over a single channel and decoding the information at the receiver. Through 2014, our use of this term included our products designed for use at 40Gbps (“40G”) and that comprised less than 1% of our total revenue and approximately 1% of our revenue from high speed products in the year ended December 31, 2014. From 2015 onward, High Speed Products refers exclusively to products sold by us and designed for use at 100Gbps or higher data rates;
- “Network Products and Solutions” collectively refers to all products sold by us for use in optical communications networks and a variety of other applications that are designed for use at data rates that are less than 100Gbps, including 40G, 10G and lower data rates. These products include certain passive products that do not explicitly have a data rate specification, but that are most commonly used in networks at these data rates. From 2015 onward, Network Products and Solutions includes products sold by us and designed for use at 40G that, prior to 2015, were included with High Speed Products; and
- “PIC” refers to Photonic Integrated Circuit.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, we use the terms “NeoPhotonics,” “we,” “us,” “our” and “the Company” in this prospectus to refer to NeoPhotonics Corporation and, where appropriate, its subsidiaries.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained or incorporated by reference elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. Before investing in our common stock, you should carefully read this entire prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes and other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as the information under the caption “Risk Factors” herein and the applicable prospectus supplement and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Business Overview

We develop, manufacture and sell optoelectronic products that transmit, receive and switch high speed digital optical signals for communications networks. We refer to our product groups as “High Speed Products” and “Network Products and Solutions”. High Speed Products includes those designed for 100G and beyond, such as at 200G, 400G and 600G data rates, for telecom and datacenter or content provider networks and applications. The high speed 100G and beyond market, which requires advanced photonic integration technology, is the core focus of our strategy. In addition to the telecommunications infrastructure, the datacenter market is also emerging as an important and fast growing market for our High Speed products.

Our High Speed Products were 58% of our total revenues in the year ended December 31, 2015, and increased to 65% of our total revenue in the first half of 2016. Revenues from High Speed products have grown at a 47% compound annual growth rate, or CAGR, from 2012 to 2015. 100G and beyond networks are among the highest growth segments of the optical communications market, supporting the rapid expansion of telecom backbone and content provider networks and accommodating increased mobile traffic. Prior to 2016 our High Speed product revenue growth has been mainly driven by the adoption of 100G in the Long Haul market sector. Over the next several years our growth in 100G and beyond is expected to be mainly driven by adoption of 100G in the much larger Metro market sector.

In the first half of 2016 approximately 86% of our High Speed revenues were derived from coherent products that enable network system designers to implement the highest speed optical transmission. Coherent transmission uses not only amplitude but also phase and polarization to increase data rates tenfold or more over conventional “on-off” transmission protocols. Coherent transmission is also necessary for next-generation flexible and efficient switching of the signal on each individual wavelength without conflict or contention between wavelengths, a feature important for Software Defined Networks. Coherent transmission has become the technology of choice for the most advanced high speed telecommunications networks. The challenges of precision and high volume manufacturing of optical components for coherent transmission demands the capabilities provided by advanced hybrid photonic integration.

In addition, within our High Speed category, we serve the highest performance segments of the datacenter and enterprise market which require the fastest speeds transmitted over relatively long distances within datacenters. Our position in this market is driven by our leadership in electro-absorptively modulated lasers (EMLs), and our transceiver modules incorporating these EMLs. EMLs deliver high power and pure modulation for superior speed and distance performance

Our “Network Products and Solutions” product group comprises all products designed for applications below 100G, and includes 40G and 10G products. This group also includes passive optical products that do not have a specific data rate and are generally used in 10G and other low speed networks. In the first half of 2016 Network Products and Solutions represented 35% of our revenue.

We sell our products to the world’s leading network equipment manufacturers, including Nokia Corporation (formerly Alcatel-Lucent SA, which was acquired by Nokia in January 2016), Ciena Corporation, Cisco Systems, Inc. and Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. These four companies accounted for approximately 79% of our revenue in 2015 and approximately 68% of our revenue in 2014. During the first two quarters of 2016 these four companies accounted for approximately 76% of our revenues. The others among our seven leading customers are FiberHome Telecommunications Technologies Co., Limited, a major Chinese telecommunications system provider, Acacia Communications Inc., a fast growing vendor of optical interconnect modules and Oclaro Inc., a vendor of optical modules.

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Our leading customers serve the telecom market and also the datacenter market. These large network equipment and optical module companies, together with emerging content providers and datacenter operators, are the focus of our strategy due to their important positions in high speed and related communications networks markets.

We believe our Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration technology is well positioned to serve the highest speed and most demanding applications. Our coherent 100G and beyond products require our Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration technology. We produce photonic integrated circuits (PICs) that comprise both arrayed and individual photonic functional elements using optimized materials systems and processes from our in-house Silicon, Indium Phosphide and Gallium Arsenide wafer fabrication. These individual PICs from different materials are then combined using our hybrid integration technology to make complete products, such as our Integrated Coherent Receiver (ICR) and our Multi-cast Switch (MCS) for 100G coherent transport and Metro applications and our 100G to 400G CFPx transceivers for datacenter and client networks.

100G and beyond coherent technology has become widely used in the Long Haul market segment over the last several years, but has only recently begun to penetrate the much larger Metro sector of the market. While the cost per port deployed declines every year due to both technology advances, we believe 100G coherent port demand represents a high growth opportunity for suppliers of components, modules and systems for the 100G coherent Metro market. In addition, Metro coherent ports include ports that have “flex coherent” features, which can be used not only in the Metro market but also in the Long Haul market.

Our important products for the rapidly growing coherent Metro market, include Integrated Coherent Receivers, ultra-narrow linewidth tunable lasers and multi-cast switches. Our multi-cast switches similarly are used by webscale content providers for software definition of their network configuration. Also, we have additionally introduced coherent transceiver modules that are important for the Metro market as well as the datacenter interconnect market, such as high speed dual rate coherent CFP2-ACO transceivers.

The following tables indicate our major product families for high speed communications and the market sectors they serve.

Market Sectors Served By Representative High Speed Products

Products	Long Haul	Metro	Datacenter
COHERENT PRODUCT FAMILIES			
Integrated Coherent Receiver			
Ultra Narrow Line Width Tunable Laser			

100G / 200G Multirate CFP2-ACO Analog Coherent Transceiver

Multi-Cast Switch for 100G Coherent ROADM Node

CLIENT SIDE / DATACENTER PRODUCT FAMILIES

28GBaud and 56GBaud EML Lasers/Photodiodes and Semiconductor Drivers

CFP2-LR4 (100G 10 km Transceiver)

QSFP28-LR4 (100G 10 km Transceiver)

For each of the major product families shown, the following table illustrates the key material-based technology platforms that are core for Advanced Hybrid Photonic Integration.

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Hybrid Photonic Integration

Products	Indium Phosphide	Silicon/Silica	Gallium Arsenide/Silicon Germanium
COHERENT PRODUCT FAMILIES			

Integrated Coherent Receiver

Ultra Narrow Line Width Tunable Laser

100G / 200G Multirate CFP2-ACO Analog Coherent Transceiver

Multi-Cast Switch for 100G Coherent ROADM Node

CLIENT SIDE / DATACENTER PRODUCT FAMILIES

28GBaud and 56GBaud EML Lasers/Photodiodes and Semiconductor Drivers

CFP2-LR4 (100G 10 km Transceiver)

QSFP28-LR4 (100G 10 km Transceiver)

In order to strengthen our technology leadership we have made the strategic acquisitions noted below over the last five years.

In October 2011, we acquired Santur Corporation (Santur), a leading producer of tunable lasers and modulators for coherent transmission and of 100G client side transceiver modules. Santur’s capabilities included array DFB (distributed feedback) lasers, silicon photonics and photonic integration of such active elements as lasers, modulators and photodiodes.

In March 2013, we acquired the optical component business unit of LAPIS Semiconductor Co., Ltd., located in Japan, now known as NeoPhotonics Semiconductor. This business is a leading producer of high performance communications laser and photodiode devices which enable our leading market positions in coherent products including ultra-narrow linewidth tunable lasers and coherent receivers. NeoPhotonics Semiconductor also produces industry leading high speed lasers and control semiconductors for high speed client side applications.

In January 2015, we acquired the ultra-narrow linewidth tunable laser business of EMCORE Corporation (EMCORE) expanding NeoPhotonics position in this key component and to expand NeoPhotonics' position as a supplier of tunable lasers for coherent communications. The EMCORE ultra narrow linewidth tunable laser products are used in the industry's highest speed applications and are critical components that are used with our highest speed and highest bandwidth receiver products for data rates of 400G and 600G.

We have research and development and wafer fabrication facilities in San Jose and Fremont, California and in Tokyo, Japan that coordinate with our research and development and manufacturing facilities in Dongguan, Shenzhen and Wuhan, China and Ottawa, Canada. We additionally do limited research and development and manufacturing in Moscow, Russia. We use proprietary design tools and design-for-manufacturing techniques to align our design process with our precision nanoscale, vertically integrated manufacturing and testing. We believe we are one of the highest volume PIC manufacturers in the world and that we can further expand our manufacturing capacity to meet market needs.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in October 1996 in the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134, USA, and our telephone number is +1(408) 232-9200. Our website address is www.neophotonics.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus or in deciding whether to purchase shares of our common stock. We changed our name to NeoPhotonics Corporation in 2002 after having been incorporated as NanoGram Corporation.

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Our name is a registered trademark of NeoPhotonics Corporation. This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus contain additional trade names and trademarks of NeoPhotonics and of other companies.

Risks Associated with our Business

Our business is subject to numerous risks, as described under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, and under similar headings in the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

The Shares of Common Stock We May Offer

We may offer shares of our common stock up to a total dollar amount of \$80,000,000, from time to time under this prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of any offering. In addition, the selling stockholders to be named in a supplement to this prospectus may offer or sell, from time to time, up to 8,261,882 shares of our common stock. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the common stock we or the selling stockholders may offer. Each time we or the selling stockholders offer common stock under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and other important terms of the offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you may also add, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus or in the documents we have incorporated by reference. However, no prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OF SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

We or the selling stockholders may sell the common stock directly to investors or to or through agents, underwriters or dealers. We and the selling stockholders, and our or their agents or underwriters, reserve the right to accept or reject all or part of any proposed purchase of common stock. If we or the selling stockholders do offer common stock to or through agents or underwriters, we will include in the applicable prospectus supplement:

- the names of those agents or underwriters;
- applicable fees, discounts and commissions to be paid to them;
- details regarding over-allotment options, if any; and
- the net proceeds to us.

We may issue shares of our common stock from time to time. The selling stockholders may offer shares of our common stock to the extent such shares were issued and outstanding, or issuable upon exercise or conversion of securities issued and outstanding, prior to the original date of filing of the registration statement to which this prospectus relates. The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any outstanding shares of preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive rights and no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the common stock under “Description of Capital Stock—Common stock.” We urge you, however, to read the applicable prospectus supplement (and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) related to any common stock being offered.

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Use of Proceeds

Except as described in any applicable prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the common stock offered by us hereunder, if any, for general corporate purposes, which may include costs of developing our technologies, adding to our production capacity, making additions to our working capital, funding future acquisitions or for any other purpose we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by any selling stockholder. See “Use of Proceeds” in this prospectus.

NYSE Listing

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “NPTN.” The applicable prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to other listings, if any, of the shares of our common stock covered by the applicable prospectus supplement.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described in the section entitled “Risk Factors” contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and discussed under the section entitled "Risk Factors" contained in our in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC, which descriptions are incorporated in this prospectus by reference in its entirety, as well as in any prospectus supplement hereto. These risks and uncertainties are not the only risks and uncertainties we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently view as immaterial, may also impair our business. If any of the risks or uncertainties described in our SEC filings or any additional risks and uncertainties actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could be materially and adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you might lose all or part of your investment.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the information that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this prospectus, including statements regarding our future financial condition, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements that are not historical facts and can be identified by terms such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “could,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “plans,” “potential,” “predicts,” “projects,” “should,” “will,” “would” or similar expressions and the negatives of those terms.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Also, forward-looking statements represent our management’s beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information that we incorporate by reference, and the documents that we have filed as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed under “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and in the information that we incorporate by reference, including, without limitation, in conjunction with the forward-looking statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, and in the information that we incorporate by reference.

Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as described in any applicable prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectuses we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by us hereunder, if any, for working capital, to continue to expand our existing business and general corporate purposes.

The amounts and timing of our use of the net proceeds from this offering will depend on a number of factors, such as the timing and progress of our research and development efforts, the timing and progress of any partnering and commercialization efforts, technological advances and the competitive environment for our products. As of the date of this prospectus, we cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses for the net proceeds to us from the sale of the securities offered by us hereunder.

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We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by any selling stockholder.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.0025 par value per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0025 par value per share. A description of the material terms and provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws affecting the rights of holders of our capital stock is set forth below. The description is intended as a summary, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the form of our amended and restated bylaws.

Common stock

Dividend rights. Subject to preferences that may apply to shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of outstanding shares of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of funds legally available if our board of directors, in its discretion, determines to issue dividends and then only at the times and in the amounts that our board of directors may determine.

Voting rights. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. Our certificate of incorporation does not provide for the right of stockholders to cumulate votes for the election of directors. Our certificate of incorporation establishes a classified board of directors, to be divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. Only one class of directors is elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders, with the other classes continuing for the remainder of their respective three-year terms.

No preemptive or similar rights. Our common stock is not entitled to preemptive rights and is not subject to conversion, redemption or sinking fund provisions. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Right to receive liquidation distributions. Upon our dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, the assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders are distributable ratably among the holders of our common stock, subject to prior satisfaction of all outstanding debt and liabilities and the preferential rights and payment of liquidation preferences, if any, on any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Fully paid and non-assessable. All of our outstanding shares of common stock is fully paid and non-assessable.

Preferred stock

We have authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by Delaware law, to issue preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each series and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each series and any of its qualifications, limitations or restrictions. Our board of directors can also increase or decrease the number of shares of any series, but not below the number of shares of that series then outstanding, without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of the common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring, discouraging or preventing a change in control of our company and may adversely affect the market price of our common stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. We have no current plan to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Anti-takeover effects of provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and Delaware law

Certificate of incorporation and bylaws to be in effect upon the completion of this offering

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for our board of directors to be divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. Only one class of directors is elected at each annual meeting of our stockholders, with the other classes continuing for the remainder of their respective three-year terms. Because our stockholders do not

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have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors, stockholders holding a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding is able to elect all of our directors. Our board of directors is able to elect a director to fill a vacancy created by the expansion of the board of directors or due to the resignation or departure of an existing board member. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws also provide that all stockholder actions must be effected at a duly called meeting of stockholders and not by a consent in writing, and that only our chairman of the board, Chief Executive Officer or the board of directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors may call a special meeting of stockholders. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws also include a requirement for the advance notice of nominations for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon at a stockholders' meeting. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provide for the ability of the board of directors to issue, without stockholder approval, up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock with terms set by the board of directors, which rights could be senior to those of our common stock. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws also provide that approval of at least 66 2/3% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors is required to adopt, amend or repeal our amended and restated bylaws, or repeal the provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation regarding the election and removal of directors and the inability of stockholders to take action by written consent in lieu of a meeting.

The foregoing provisions will make it more difficult for our existing stockholders to replace our board of directors, as well as for another party to obtain control of us by replacing our board of directors. Since our board of directors has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management. In addition, the authorization of undesignated preferred stock makes it possible for our board of directors to issue preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to change our control.

These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board of directors and its policies and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition of us. These provisions are also designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal and to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in our control or management. As a consequence, these provisions also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our stock that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts.

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law regulating corporate takeovers. This section prevents some Delaware corporations from engaging, under some circumstances, in a business combination, which includes a merger or sale of at least 10% of the corporation's assets with any interested stockholder, meaning a stockholder who, together with affiliates and associates, owns or, within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status, did own 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock, unless:

- the transaction is approved by the board of directors prior to the time that the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder's becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced; or
- at or subsequent to such time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

A Delaware corporation may "opt out" of these provisions with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or an express provision in its certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting from a stockholders' amendment approved by at least a majority of the outstanding voting shares. We do not plan to "opt out" of these provisions. The statute could prohibit or delay mergers or other takeover or change in control attempts and, accordingly, may discourage attempts to acquire us.

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Listing

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “NPTN.”

Transfer agent and registrar

Our transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

This prospectus also relates to the possible resale by certain of our stockholders, who we refer to in this prospectus as the “selling stockholders,” of up to 8,261,882 shares of our common stock that were issued and outstanding, or issuable upon exercise or conversion of securities issued and outstanding, prior to the original date of filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, including shares that may be owned by affiliates. Of the 8,261,882 shares of our common stock being offered by the selling stockholders, 4,972,905 of the shares are held by one selling stockholder that purchased the shares in April 2012. 2,730,000 shares are held by one selling stockholder that purchased preferred stock prior to the company’s initial public offering and were subsequently converted to common stock in connection with the conversion of all the preferred stock in connection with the closing of the offering. 558,977 shares are held by certain of our executive officers and other employees who acquired the shares upon exercise or vesting of stock awards under our equity compensation plans, or will acquire the shares upon exercise of vested stock options currently outstanding under our equity compensation plans.

Information about the selling stockholders, where applicable, including their identities, the amount of shares of common stock owned by each selling stockholder prior to the offering, the number of shares of our common stock to be offered by each selling stockholder and the amount and (if more than one percent) the percentage of common stock to be owned by each selling stockholder after completion of the offering, will be set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement, documents incorporated by reference or in a free writing prospectus we file with the SEC. The applicable prospectus supplement will also disclose whether any of the selling stockholders has held any position or office with, has been employed by or otherwise has had a material relationship with us during the three years prior to the date of the prospectus supplement.

The selling stockholders shall not sell any shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus until we have identified such selling stockholders and the shares being offered for resale by such selling stockholders in a subsequent prospectus supplement. However, the selling stockholders may sell or transfer all or a portion of their shares of our common stock pursuant to any available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities

Act.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or the selling stockholders may sell the shares of our common stock from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, direct sales to the public, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. We or the selling stockholders may sell the shares of our common stock to or through underwriters or dealers, through agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. We may distribute shares of our common stock from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

A prospectus supplement or supplements (and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you) will describe the terms of the offering of the shares of our common stock, including, to the extent applicable:

- the name or names of the underwriters, if any;

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- the purchase price of the shares of our common stock or other consideration therefor, and the proceeds, if any, we will receive from the sale;
- any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional shares of our common stock from us;
- any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation;
- any public offering price;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchange or market on which the shares of our common stock may be listed.

Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters of the shares of our common stock offered by the prospectus supplement.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the shares of our common stock for their own account and may resell the shares of our common stock from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares of our common stock will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We or the selling stockholders may offer the shares of our common stock to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the shares of our common stock offered by the prospectus supplement, other than shares of our common stock covered by any over-allotment option. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may change from time to time. We or the selling stockholders may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter, the nature of any such relationship.

We or the selling stockholders may sell shares of our common stock directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of shares of our common stock and we will describe any commissions we or the selling stockholders will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our or the selling stockholders' agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We or the selling stockholders may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase shares of common stock from us or the selling stockholders at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we or the selling stockholders must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the prospectus supplement.

We or the selling stockholders may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or the selling stockholders in the ordinary course of business.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the shares of our common stock, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the shares of our common stock originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the shares of our common stock to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

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Any underwriters or agents that are qualified market makers on the New York Stock Exchange engage in passive market making transactions in the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of the shares of our common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

In compliance with guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of the shares of common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Cooley LLP, Palo Alto, California.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this Prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of NeoPhotonics Corporation's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated by reference herein. Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of the registration statement we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act and does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to any of our contracts, agreements or other documents, the reference may not be complete and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement or the exhibits to the reports or other documents incorporated by

reference into this prospectus for a copy of such contract, agreement or other document. Because we are subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. In addition, any person to whom this prospectus is delivered may request copies of this prospectus and any related amendments or supplements or documents incorporated by reference, without charge, by written or telephonic request directed to Clyde R. Wallin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NeoPhotonics Corporation, 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134; telephone: (408) 232-9200; E-mail: ray.wallin@neophotonics.com.

We maintain a website at www.neophotonics.com. Information found on, or accessible through, our website is not a part of, and is not incorporated into, this prospectus, and you should not consider it part of this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information from other documents that we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Information in this prospectus supersedes information incorporated by reference that we filed with the SEC prior to the date of this prospectus, while information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus.

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We incorporate by reference into this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part the information or documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC and any future filings we will make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from the date of this prospectus but prior to the termination of the offering of the securities covered by this prospectus (other than Current Reports or portions thereof furnished under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K):

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2016;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on May 10, 2016;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2016;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2016, April 25, 2016, June 10, 2016, July 5, 2016, August 8, 2016, September 16, 2016, September 20, 2016, September 27, 2016 and October 6, 2016;
- the information specifically incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, from our definitive proxy statement relating to our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed on April 26, 2016; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 28, 2011, including any amendments or reports filed for the purposes of updating this description.

We will furnish without charge to you, on written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including exhibits to these documents. You should direct any requests for documents to Clyde R. Wallin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NeoPhotonics Corporation, 2911 Zanker Road, San Jose, California 95134; telephone: (408) 232-9200; E-mail: ray.wallin@neophotonics.com.

You also may access these filings on our website at www.neophotonics.com. We do not incorporate the information on our website into this prospectus or any supplement to this prospectus and you should not consider any information on, or that can be accessed through, our website as part of this prospectus or any supplement to this prospectus (other than those filings with the SEC that we specifically incorporate by reference into this prospectus or any supplement to this prospectus).

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed modified, superseded or replaced for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus modifies, supersedes or replaces such statement.

You can request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

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Attn: Secretary

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4,972,905 Shares

Common Stock

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

December 19, 2016
