

SIPEX CORP
Form 8-K
February 21, 2007

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 21, 2007
Sipex Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| Delaware | 000-27892 | 04-6135748 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 233 South Hillview Drive, Milpitas, California | | 95035 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 408-934-7500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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On February 21, 2007, Sipex Corporation (Sipex or the Company) reported its financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 30, 2006. A copy of the press release issued by the Company concerning the foregoing results is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any other filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference to such filing. In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The attached press release includes non-GAAP gross profit (loss), non-GAAP loss from operations, non-GAAP net loss and non-GAAP net loss per share. The Company excludes the following items for non-GAAP measures:

Increased depreciation due to shorter economic life of Hillview facility This represents increased depreciation expense on the Milpitas facility in California after determination that the facility had a shorter economic useful life to Sipex. The Company excludes the depreciation impact of this infrequent event for comparability with other periods.

Stock-based compensation These expenses primarily consisted of expenses for employee stock options under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (R). The Company excludes stock-based compensation expenses for its non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash expenses that Sipex does not believe are reflective of ongoing operating results. Further, the Company believes that it is useful to investors to understand the impact of the application of SFAS 123(R) to its results of operations.

Restructuring and other The charges primarily consisted of employee severance costs for the Company's reduction of workforce plan in the fiscal fourth quarter of 2006, stock option compensation expense due to vesting acceleration of stock options held by a terminated senior executive, employee severance and retention costs relating to the closure of its wafer fabrication facility in Milpitas, California and lease costs associated with the unused portion of its Hillview and Billerica facilities. Sipex believes it is useful to exclude restructuring charges in measuring Sipex's results of operations because they are non-recurring costs.

Impairment of fixed assets In the fiscal second quarter of 2005, Sipex recognized an impairment charge for its long-lived assets. Based on changes in the planned use for its wafer fabrication assets, the Company performed an impairment evaluation in accordance with SFAS No. 144 and determined that the appropriate grouping for this impairment evaluation was the wafer fabrication assets taken together and the associated cash flows for these assets. The Company excludes the impairment charge as it believes that it is an infrequent event, which makes the operating results less comparable between reporting periods.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated Feb. 21, 2007 announcing Sipex's financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and fiscal year of 2006.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SIPEX CORPORATION

DATE: February 21, 2007

/s/ Clyde R. Wallin

Clyde R. Wallin
Chief Financial Officer and
Senior Vice President of Finance

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