

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): October 30, 2019

**KLA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-09992

(Commission File Number)

04-2564110

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Technology Drive

Milpitas

California

(Address of principal executive offices)

95035

(Zip Code)

(408) 875-3000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	KLAC	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC The Nasdaq Global Select Market

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 30, 2019, KLA Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing selected financial and operating results for its first quarter of fiscal year 2020. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Text of press release dated October 30, 2019 issued by KLA Corporation</u>

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**KLA CORPORATION**

Date: October 30, 2019

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ BREN D. HIGGINS  
Name: Bren D. Higgins  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**KLA CORPORATION REPORTS FISCAL 2020 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS**

- Record quarterly revenue of \$1.4 billion, above the guidance range of \$1.31 to \$1.39 billion
- GAAP EPS of \$2.16 per share; record non-GAAP EPS of \$2.48 per share, also above the guidance range of \$2.04 to \$2.34 per share
- Recently announced a 13% increase in the quarterly dividend level to \$0.85 per share, the tenth consecutive annual dividend increase

MILPITAS, Calif., October 30, 2019 KLA Corporation (NASDAQ: KLAC) today announced operating results for its first quarter of fiscal year 2020, which ended on September 30, 2019, and reported GAAP net income attributable to KLA of \$347 million and GAAP earnings per diluted share attributable to KLA of \$2.16 on revenues of \$1,413 million.

“KLA delivered a strong result in the September quarter, with revenue and GAAP and non-GAAP EPS finishing above the range of guidance, a result of solid execution in what continues to be a challenging overall industry environment,” commented Rick Wallace, president and CEO of KLA. “As a global leader in process control and supplier of process-enabling solutions for the data era, KLA is at the forefront of the most important industry trends and technology inflections in the electronics industry. Our performance in the September quarter demonstrates KLA is benefiting from our long-term strategies for growth, technology leadership and operational excellence.”

<b>GAAP Results</b>			
	<b>Q1 FY 2020</b>	<b>Q4 FY 2019</b>	<b>Q1 FY 2019</b>
Revenues	\$1,413 million	\$1,258 million	\$1,093 million
Net Income Attributable to KLA	\$347 million	\$218 million	\$396 million
Earnings per Diluted Share Attributable to KLA	\$2.16	\$1.35	\$2.54

<b>Non-GAAP Results</b>			
	<b>Q1 FY 2020</b>	<b>Q4 FY 2019</b>	<b>Q1 FY 2019</b>
Net Income Attributable to KLA	\$398 million	\$289 million	\$384 million
Earnings per Diluted Share Attributable to KLA	\$2.48	\$1.78	\$2.46

A reconciliation between GAAP operating results and non-GAAP operating results is provided following the financial statements included in this release. Non-GAAP results include the impact of recurring stock-based compensation, but exclude the impact of acquisitions or pending acquisitions, restructuring, severance, merger and other related charges and certain discrete tax items. KLA will discuss the results for its fiscal year 2020 first quarter, along with its outlook, on a conference call today beginning at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time. A webcast of the call will be available at: [www.kla.com](http://www.kla.com).

**About KLA:**

KLA Corporation, formerly known as KLA-Tencor Corporation, (“KLA”) develops industry-leading equipment and services that enable innovation throughout the electronics industry. We provide advanced process control and process-enabling solutions for manufacturing wafers and reticles, integrated circuits, packaging, printed circuit boards and flat panel displays. In close collaboration with leading customers across the globe, our expert teams of physicists, engineers, data scientists and problem-solvers design solutions that move the world forward. Additional information may be found at: [www.kla.com](http://www.kla.com).

**Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:**

The non-GAAP and supplemental information provided in this press release is a supplement to, and not a substitute for, KLA's financial results presented in accordance with United States GAAP.

To supplement KLA's condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, the company provides certain non-GAAP financial information, which is adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain costs and expenses (benefits), as well as other supplemental information. The non-GAAP and supplemental information is provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of KLA's operating performance and its prospects in the future. Specifically, KLA believes that the non-GAAP information provides useful measures to both management and investors regarding financial and business trends relating to KLA's financial performance by excluding certain costs and expenses (benefits) that the company believes are not indicative of its core operating results. The non-GAAP information is among the budgeting and planning tools that management uses for future forecasting. However, because there are no standardized or generally accepted definitions for most non-GAAP financial metrics, definitions of non-GAAP financial metrics (for example, determining which costs and expenses (benefits) to exclude when calculating such a metric) are inherently subject to significant discretion. As a result, non-GAAP financial metrics may be defined very differently from company to company, or even from period to period within the same company, which can potentially limit the usefulness of such information to an investor. The presentation of non-GAAP and supplemental information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared and presented in accordance with United States GAAP.

**KLA Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Balance Sheets**

<u>(In thousands)</u>	<u>September 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 1,751,522	\$ 1,739,385
Accounts receivable, net	1,066,188	990,113
Inventories	1,254,240	1,262,500
Other current assets	283,799	323,077
Land, property and equipment, net	475,210	448,799
Goodwill	2,263,689	2,211,858
Deferred income taxes, non-current	216,629	206,141
Purchased intangible assets, net	1,549,201	1,560,670
Other non-current assets	368,921	265,973
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,229,399</u>	<u>\$ 9,008,516</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 221,388	\$ 202,416
Deferred system revenue	277,515	282,348
Deferred service revenue	201,245	206,669
Current portion of long-term debt	250,000	249,999
Other current liabilities	993,299	827,054
Total current liabilities	<u>1,943,447</u>	<u>1,768,486</u>
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt	3,174,130	3,173,383
Deferred tax liabilities	688,170	702,285
Deferred service revenue	101,001	98,772
Other non-current liabilities	643,032	587,897
Total liabilities	<u>6,549,780</u>	<u>6,330,823</u>
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock and capital in excess of par value	1,999,845	2,017,312
Retained earnings	733,173	714,825
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(71,855)	(73,029)
Total KLA stockholders' equity	<u>2,661,163</u>	<u>2,659,108</u>
Non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiary	18,456	18,585
Total stockholders' equity	<u>2,679,619</u>	<u>2,677,693</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 9,229,399</u>	<u>\$ 9,008,516</u>

**KLA Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Operations**

<u>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</u>	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Revenues:		
Product	\$ 1,057,975	\$ 829,227
Service	355,439	264,033
Total revenues	1,413,414	1,093,260
Costs and expenses:		
Costs of revenues	604,241	381,387
Research and development	210,580	153,530
Selling, general and administrative	188,345	114,438
Interest expense and other, net	38,732	16,337
Income before income taxes	371,516	427,568
Provision for income taxes	25,120	31,624
Net income	346,396	395,944
Less: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest	(129)	—
Net income attributable to KLA-Tencor	<u>\$ 346,525</u>	<u>\$ 395,944</u>
Net income per share attributable to KLA-Tencor:		
Basic	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.55
Diluted	\$ 2.16	\$ 2.54
Weighted-average number of shares:		
Basic	158,697	155,221
Diluted	160,131	156,083

**KLA Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Cash Flow**

<b>(In thousands)</b>	<b>Three months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 346,396	\$ 395,944
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	98,588	16,087
Loss (gain) on unrealized foreign exchange and other	12,794	3,895
Stock-based compensation expense	26,944	16,138
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(75,214)	36,079
Inventories	(5,091)	(55,738)
Other assets	(8,930)	(16,853)
Accounts payable	18,885	(14,765)
Deferred system revenue	(4,833)	(79,810)
Deferred service revenue	(4,337)	(13,325)
Other liabilities	91,043	93,753
Net cash provided by operating activities	496,245	381,405
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Businesses acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(78,530)	(11,787)
Capital expenditures	(32,566)	(22,330)
Proceeds from disposition of non-marketable securities	1,086	—
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(263,767)	—
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale securities	25,449	91,238
Proceeds from maturity of available-for-sale securities	198,751	254,757
Purchases of trading securities	(9,021)	(4,619)
Proceeds from sale of trading securities	11,905	7,612
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(146,693)	314,871
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Common stock repurchases	(228,496)	(299,974)
Payment of dividends to stockholders	(121,636)	(122,757)
Issuance of common stock	114	—
Tax withholding payments related to equity awards	(23,538)	(26,961)
Payment of contingent consideration payable	(57)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(373,613)	(449,692)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(3,585)	(1,452)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(27,646)	245,132
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,015,994	1,404,382
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 988,348	\$ 1,649,514
<b>Supplemental cash flow disclosures:</b>		
Income taxes paid	\$ 19,862	\$ 24,962
Interest paid	\$ 26,347	\$ 537
<b>Non-cash activities:</b>		
Business acquisition holdback amounts - investing activities	\$ —	\$ 440
Contingent consideration payable - financing activities	\$ 9,366	\$ 3,102
Dividends payable - financing activities	\$ 1,552	\$ 4,783
Unsettled common stock repurchase - financing activities	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,812
Accrued purchase of land, property and equipment - investing activities	\$ 16,074	\$ 9,242



**KLA Corporation**  
**Segment Information (Unaudited)**

The following is a summary of results for each of our four reportable segments and reconciliation to total revenues for the indicated periods:

<u>(In thousands)</u>	Three months ended	
	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Semiconductor Process Control	\$ 1,163,632	\$ 1,069,959
Specialty Semiconductor Process	69,139	—
PCB, Display and Component Inspection <sup>(1)</sup>	178,552	23,615
Other	2,231	—
Total revenues for reportable segments	1,413,554	1,093,574
Corporate allocation and effects of foreign exchange rates	(140)	(314)
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,413,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,260</u>

(1) Revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2019 include a contribution from the Orbotech business. Revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2018 include the component inspection business only.

**KLA Corporation**  
**Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Supplemental Information**  
**(In thousands, except per share amounts)**

**Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income to Non-GAAP Net Income**

	Three months ended		
	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	September 30, 2018
GAAP net income attributable to KLA	\$ 346,525	\$ 217,845	\$ 395,944
<b>Adjustments to reconcile GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income:</b>			
Acquisition-related charges	a 73,363	102,807	5,551
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	b (22,266)	(32,930)	(310)
Discrete tax items	c —	983	(17,106)
Non-GAAP net income attributable to KLA	<u>\$ 397,622</u>	<u>\$ 288,705</u>	<u>\$ 384,079</u>
GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share attributable to KLA	<u>\$ 2.16</u>	<u>\$ 1.35</u>	<u>\$ 2.54</u>
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share attributable to KLA	<u>\$ 2.48</u>	<u>\$ 1.78</u>	<u>\$ 2.46</u>
Shares used in diluted shares calculation	<u>160,131</u>	<u>161,937</u>	<u>156,083</u>

**Pre-tax impact of GAAP to non-GAAP adjustments included in Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Statements of Operations**

	<b>Acquisition - Related Charges</b>
<b><u>Three months ended September 30, 2019</u></b>	
Costs of revenues	\$ 49,999
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 23,364
Total in three months ended September 30, 2019	<u>\$ 73,363</u>
<b><u>Three months ended June 30, 2019</u></b>	
Costs of revenues	\$ 75,805
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 27,002
Total in three months ended June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 102,807</u>
<b><u>Three months ended September 30, 2018</u></b>	
Costs of revenues	\$ 890
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 4,661
Total in three months ended September 30, 2018	<u>\$ 5,551</u>

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we provide certain non-GAAP financial information, which is adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain costs and expenses, as well as other supplemental information. The non-GAAP and supplemental information is provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of our operating performance and our prospects in the future. Specifically, we believe that the non-GAAP information provides useful measures to both management and investors regarding financial and business trends relating to our financial performance by excluding certain costs and expenses that we believe are not indicative of our core operating results. The non-GAAP information is among the budgeting and planning tools that management uses for future forecasting. However, because there are no standardized or generally accepted definitions for most non-GAAP financial metrics, definitions of non-GAAP financial metrics (for example, determining which costs and expenses to exclude when calculating such a metric) are inherently subject to significant discretion. As a result, non-GAAP financial metrics may be defined very differently from company to company, or even from period to period within the same company, which can potentially limit the usefulness of such information to an investor. The presentation of non-GAAP and supplemental information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared and presented in accordance with United States GAAP.

- a. Acquisition-related charges primarily include amortization of intangible assets and other acquisition-related adjustments including adjustments for the fair valuation of inventory and backlog, and transaction costs associated with our acquisitions, primarily Orbotech. Management believes that the expense associated with the amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets is appropriate to be excluded because a significant portion of the purchase price for acquisitions may be allocated to intangible assets, and exclusion of these expenses allows comparisons of operating results that are consistent over time for both KLA's newly acquired and long-held businesses. Management believes that the other acquisition-related expenses are appropriate to be excluded because such costs would not have otherwise been incurred in the periods presented. Management believes excluding these items helps investors compare our operating performances with our results in prior periods as well as with the performance of other companies.
- b. Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments includes the income tax effects of the excluded items noted above. Management believes that it is appropriate to exclude the tax effects of the items noted above in order to present a more meaningful measure of non-GAAP net income.
- c. Discrete tax items include charges associated with the acquisition of Orbotech as well as the income tax effects of an income tax expense from the enacted tax reform legislation through the Tax Cuts and Jobs-Act (the "Act"), which was signed into law on December 22, 2017, of which the impact is primarily related to the provisional tax amounts recorded for the transition tax on accumulated foreign earnings and the re-measurement of certain deferred tax assets and liabilities as a result of the enactment of the Act. Management believes excluding these items helps investors compare our operating performance with our results in prior periods as well as with the performance of other companies.