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): May 2, 2012

EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-25711 77-0430270

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

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

3585 Monroe Street Santa Clara, California 95051

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 579-2800

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 2, 2012, Extreme Networks, Inc. issued a press release announcing certain financial results for the quarter ended April 1, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as **Exhibit 99.1** and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, 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 information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the accompanying Exhibit 99.1 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed by Extreme Networks with the Securities and Exchange Commission, whether made before or after the date of this Current Report, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to this Item and Exhibit 99.1 in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 2, 2012, announcing the financial results of Extreme Networks, Inc. for the quarter ended April 1, 2012.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: May 2, 2012

EXTREME NETWORKS, INC.

By: /s/ DIANE HONDA

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EXTREME NETWORKS REPORTS FISCAL Q3 RESULTS Fourth Consecutive Quarter of Positive Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share

SANTA CLARA, Calif., May 2, 2012 -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR) today announced financial results for its 2012 fiscal third quarter ended April 1, 2012. For the quarter, total net revenue was \$73.4 million. Non-GAAP net income was \$3.8 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, and net income on a GAAP basis was \$2.4 million or \$0.03 per diluted share.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, total net revenue was \$73.4 million, compared to \$75.7 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011. Total net revenue for the third quarter was \$29.7 million in the Americas, \$31.5 million in EMEA, and \$12.1 million in APAC. That compares to revenue in the Americas of \$29.4 million, in EMEA of \$29.4 million, and in APAC of \$16.9 million for the same period last year. For the quarter, total revenue decreased 11%, and product revenue was down 15% sequentially from the second quarter of fiscal 2012.

"The Americas continues to be our highest performing region and we are aggressively taking steps to improve sales execution in APAC and EMEA in order to improve year over year performance", said Oscar Rodriguez, President and CEO of Extreme Networks. "Our new and enhanced product portfolio continues to garner increased customer and reseller interest, and we are taking the actions we believe are necessary to convert that interest into revenue growth for the Company."

Improvements in operational efficiency and cost reductions completed as part of the Company's strategic transformation have resulted in positive non-GAAP earnings per share for the fourth consecutive quarter.

In the third quarter, non-GAAP operating income was \$4.1 million or 6% of net revenue, representing a 195% improvement when compared to non-GAAP operating loss of \$4.3 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011, which included a charge of \$5.4 million related to inventory write-off. Non-GAAP operating income in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 was \$5.8 million or 7% of net revenue, representing a 29%

decrease sequentially.

In the third quarter, the Company reported non-GAAP net income of \$3.8 million or \$0.04 per diluted share. That compares to non-GAAP net loss of \$4.6 million or \$0.05 per diluted share in the third quarter of last year, and to non-GAAP net income of \$5.8 million or \$0.06 per diluted share in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Non-GAAP financial results exclude the impact of stock-based compensation, restructuring charges, and litigation settlements. A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures is included in the accompanying financial tables.

Operating income on a GAAP basis was \$2.7 million for the quarter, compared to operating loss of \$6.6 million for the third quarter of last year. Operating income was \$4.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2012.

Net income on a GAAP basis for the quarter was \$2.4 million or \$0.03 per diluted share, compared to GAAP net loss of \$6.8 million or \$0.07 per diluted share in the third quarter of last year. In the second quarter of fiscal 2012, GAAP net income was \$4.1 million or \$0.04 per diluted share.

Total cash and investments totaled \$147.2 million as of April 1, 2012. The Company has no long-term debt.

2012 Fiscal Fourth Quarter non-GAAP Financial Guidance

For its 2012 fiscal fourth quarter, ending on June 30, 2012, the Company reiterates that it currently expects net revenue to be in a range of \$82 million to \$90 million and non-GAAP net income of \$0.07 to \$0.11 per diluted share, with full-year revenue guidance in the range of \$317 million to \$325 million and earnings per share guidance in the range of \$0.22 cents to \$0.26 cents per diluted share.

Conference Call for Q3 Financial Results on May 2, 2012

The Company plans to release financial results for the quarter after the close of regular market trading on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, with another conference call to follow at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (2:00 p.m. Pacific Time). The conference call may be heard by dialing 1-877-303-9826 (international callers dial1-224-357 2194). A 7-day replay will be available following the call by dialing 1-800-585-8367 (international callers dial 1-404-537-3406). The conference call ID is 72565790.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Extreme Networks provides all financial information required in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles (GAAP). To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we are also providing with this press release non-GAAP net income/(loss) and non-GAAP operating income/(loss). In preparing our non-GAAP information, we have excluded, where applicable, the impact of restructuring charges, share-based compensation and litigation settlements. We believe that excluding these items provides both management and investors with additional insight into our current operations, the trends affecting the Company and the Company's marketplace performance. In particular, management finds it useful to exclude these items in order to more readily correlate the Company's operating activities with the Company's ability to generate cash from operations. Accordingly, management uses these non-GAAP measures, along with the comparable GAAP information, in evaluating our historical performance and in planning our future business activities. Please note that our non-GAAP measures may be different than those used by other companies. The additional non-GAAP financial information we present should be considered in conjunction with, and not as a substitute for, our financial information presented in accordance with GAAP. We have provided a non-GAAP reconciliation of the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the periods presented in this release, which are adjusted to exclude restructuring charges, share-based compensation expense and litigation settlements for these periods. These measures should only be used to evaluate the Company's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures for comparable financial information and understanding of the Company's ongoing performance as a business. Extreme Networks uses both GAAP and non-GAAP measures to evaluate and manage its operations.

Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks is a technology leader in high-performance Ethernet switching for cloud, data center and mobile networks. Based in Santa Clara, CA, Extreme Networks has more than 6,000 customers in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit **extremenetworks.com**.

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This announcement contains forward-looking statements, including our guidance regarding future results, that involve risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding the Company's expectations regarding financial performance, the impact of the restructuring and company transformation, and product introduction. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain risk factors, including, but not limited to: a challenging macro-economic environment both in the United States and overseas; fluctuations in demand for the Company's products and services; a

highly competitive business environment for network switching equipment; the Company's effectiveness in controlling expenses, the possibility that the Company might experience delays in the development of new technology and products; customer response to its new technology and products; the timing of any recovery in the global economy; risks related to pending or future litigation, and a dependency on third parties for certain components and for the manufacturing of the Company's products. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking information in this release. More information about potential factors that could affect the Company's business and financial results is included in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, under the captions: "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and "Risk Factors," which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission."

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

A COMPANY	April 1, 2012		July 3, 2011	
ASSETS				
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents	\$	53,323	\$	49,972
Short-term investments	Þ	22,349	Ф	49,972
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$1,385 at April 1, 2012 and \$1,412 at July 3, 2011		45,739		33,689
Inventories, net		23,269		21,583
Deferred income taxes		734		681
Prepaid expenses and other current assets, net		5,167		10,132
Assets held for sale		17,081		10,152
Total current assets	_	167,662		157,414
Property and equipment, net		25,235		41,877
Marketable securities		71,577		55,648
Intangible assets		4,291		4,906
Other assets, net		9,801		11,128
Total assets	\$	278,566	\$	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	Ψ	270,300	Ψ	270,373
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	19,455	\$	15,092
Accrued compensation and benefits	Ψ	11,451	Ф	13,723
Restructuring liabilities		655		3,183
Accrued warranty		2,841		2,640
Deferred revenue, net		32,134		29,613
Deferred distributors revenue, net of deferred cost of sales to distributors		17,968		16,552
Other accrued liabilities		12,295		19,050
Total current liabilities		96,799		99,853
Deferred revenue, less current portion		7,629		7,360
Deferred income taxes		130		93
Other long-term liabilities		1,006		2,381
Commitments and contingencies		1,000		2,501
Stockholders' equity		173,002		161,286
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	278,566	\$	270,973

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	 Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended				
	 April 1, 2012		March 27, 2011		April 1, 2012		March 27, 2011	
Net revenues:								
Product	\$ 58,009	\$	61,065	\$	189,316	\$	200,611	
Service	 15,359		14,634		45,758		44,056	
Total net revenues	73,368		75,699		235,074		244,667	
Cost of revenues:								
Product	26,623		33,062		86,922		94,786	
Service	5,534		6,074		17,137		18,501	
Total cost of revenues	 32,157		39,136		104,059		113,287	
Gross profit:								
Product	31,386		28,003		102,394		105,825	
Service	9,825		8,560		28,621		25,555	
Total gross profit	41,211		36,563		131,015		131,380	
Operating expenses:								
Sales and marketing	20,657		24,830		65,512		74,823	
Research and development	10,376		11,237		33,866		36,126	
General and administrative	7,553		6,066		21,777		18,614	
Restructuring charge, net of reversal	(35)		1,043		1,357		1,043	
Litigation settlement	 _	(49)		<u> </u>		(4,24		
Total operating expenses	38,551		43,127		122,512		126,357	
Operating income (loss)	 2,660		(6,564)		8,503		5,023	
Interest income	294		298		929		959	
Interest expense	_		(36)		(75)		(95)	
Other income (expense)	(73)		(161)		(55)		(320)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	 2,881		(6,463)		9,302		5,567	
Provision for income taxes	509		378		1,240		767	
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,372	\$	(6,841)	\$	8,062	\$	4,800	
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share:								
Net income (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.03	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.09	\$	0.05	
Net income (loss) per share - diluted	\$ 0.03	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.09	\$	0.05	
Shares used in per share calculation - basic	93,659		91,578		93,205		91,103	
Shares used in per share calculation - diluted	94,600		91,578		94,245		92,526	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		nths En	hs Ended		
	$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{j}}$	pril 1, 2012	Ma	rch 27, 2011	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	6,407	\$	15,497	
Cash flows used in investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(4,421)		(4,185)	
Purchases of investments		(53,318)		(90,223)	
Proceeds from maturities of investments and marketable securities		28,297		22,100	
Proceeds from sales of investments and marketable securities		25,812		52,930	
Purchases of intangible assets		(275)		_	
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,905)		(19,378)	
Cash flows provided by financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		753		1,135	
Deposit received from sale of buildings		1,001		502	
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,754		1,637	
Foreign currency effect on cash		(905)		679	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		3,351		(1,565)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		49,972		51,944	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	53,323	\$	50,379	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS GAAP TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION

(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended				
	A	April 1, 2012		March 27, 2011		April 1, 2012		arch 27, 2011		
Operating income (loss) - GAAP Basis	\$	2,660	\$	(6,564)	\$	8,503	\$	5,023		
Non-GAAP adjustments										
Stock-based compensation expense	\$	1,476	\$	1,296	\$	4,652	\$	3,780		
Restructuring charge, net of reversal		(35)		1,043		1,357		1,043		
Litigation settlement		_		(49)		_		(4,249)		
Total Non-GAAP adjustments	\$	1,441	\$	2,290	\$	6,009	\$	574		
Operating income (loss) - Non-GAAP Basis	\$	4,101	\$	(4,274)	\$	14,512	\$	5,597		
Net income (loss) - GAAP Basis	\$	2,372	\$	(6,841)	\$	8,062	\$	4,800		
Total Non-GAAP adjustments		1,441		2,290		6,009		574		
Net income (loss) - Non-GAAP Basis	\$	3,813	\$	(4,551)	\$	14,071	\$	5,374		
NON-GAAP ADJUSTMENTS										
Cost of product revenue	\$	81	\$	85	\$	372	\$	318		
Cost of service revenue		59		75		203		225		
Sales and marketing		487		446		1,306		1,406		
Research and development		289		248		1,041		740		
General and administrative		560		442		1,730		1,091		
Restructuring charge, net of reversal		(35)		1,043		1,357		1,043		
Litigation settlement		_		(49)		_		(4,249)		
Total non-GAAP adjustments	\$	1,441	\$	2,290	\$	6,009	\$	574		