

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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 22, 2008**

**Mercury Computer Systems, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-23599**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2741391**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**201 Riverneck Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01824**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 256-1300**

**N/A**

**(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

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

On October 22, 2008, Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release regarding its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. The Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

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 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the Company provides non-GAAP financial measures adjusted to exclude certain specified charges, which the Company believes are useful to help investors better understand its past financial performance and prospects for the future. However, the presentation of non-GAAP financial measures is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial information provided in accordance with GAAP. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures assist in providing a more complete understanding of the Company's underlying operational results and trends, and management uses these measures along with their corresponding GAAP financial measures to manage the Company's business, to evaluate its performance compared to prior periods and the marketplace, and to establish operational goals.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit Description**

99.1 Press Release, dated October 22, 2008, of Mercury Computer Systems, Inc.

**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.

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: October 22, 2008

By: /s/ Robert E. Hult  
Robert E. Hult  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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