

PIXELWORKS, INC  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2011

**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): March 14, 2011**

**PIXELWORKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**000-30269**  
(Commission

File Number)

**91-1761992**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 14, 2011, Pixelworks, Inc. (the Company ) and an unrelated third party (the Purchaser ) completed a transaction in which the Company sold 23 patents and related rights and materials (the Patents ) to the Purchaser for \$1.6 million. Substantially all of the Patents were originally obtained by the Company during its June 2005 acquisition of Equator Technologies, Inc., and the underlying technologies pertain to markets that the Company no longer pursues. As part of the transaction, the Purchaser granted the Company a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-sublicensable, right and license to make, have made, use, distribute, lease, sell, offer for sale, import, export, develop and otherwise dispose of and exploit any current products of the Company covered by the Patents. The Company expects to record a gain of approximately \$1.6 million in the first quarter of 2011 on the sale of the Patents.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**PIXELWORKS, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: March 15, 2011

By /s/ Steven L. Moore  
Steven L. Moore  
*Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer*