

SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2008

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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): 10/20/2008**

**Sun Microsystems, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 0-15086**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**94-2805249**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4150 Network Circle**  
Santa Clara, California 95054-1778  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(650) 960-1300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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:

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

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On October 20, 2008, Sun Microsystems, Inc. ("Sun") issued a press release regarding Sun's preliminary financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 28, 2008. The full text of Sun's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit 99.1: Text of press release issued by Sun Microsystems, Inc., dated October 20, 2008, titled "Sun Microsystems Reports Preliminary Results for the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2009."

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**Signature(s)**

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.

Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Date: October 20, 2008

By: /s/ Michael E. Lehman

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Michael E. Lehman  
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, Corporate  
Resources

**Exhibit Index**

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>   |
|---------------------------|---|
| EX-99.1                   | Text of press release issued by Sun Microsystems, Inc., dated October 20, 2008, titled "Sun Microsystems Reports Preliminary Results for the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2009." |