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: May 04, 2017 (Date of earliest event reported)

GSI Technology, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

000-33387 (Commission File Number) 77-0398779 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1213 Elko Drive, Sunnyvale, California (Address of principal executive offices)

94089 (Zip Code)

(408) 331-8800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

o 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 o

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. o

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 4, 2017, GSI Technology, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting financial results for its fiscal year and fourth quarter ended March 31, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits 99.1 <u>Press Release of GSI Technology, Inc. dated May 04, 2017</u> 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.

Dated: May 04, 2017

GSI TECHNOLOGY, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Douglas M. Schirle</u> Douglas M. Schirle *Chief Financial Officer*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u> 99.1 <u>Description</u>

Press Release of GSI Technology, Inc. dated May 04, 2017

GSI Technology, Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Fiscal 2017 Results

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwired - May 04, 2017) - **GSI Technology, Inc.** (NASDAQ: GSIT) today reported preliminary financial results for its fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended March 31, 2017.

For the year, the Company reported a net loss of \$(115,000), or \$(0.01) per diluted share, on net revenues of \$48.2 million, compared to a net loss of \$(2.2) million, or \$(0.10) per diluted share, on net revenues of \$52.7 million in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016. Gross margin was 54.8% compared to 50.7% in the prior year.

Total operating expenses in fiscal 2017 were \$26.9 million compared to \$29.8 million in fiscal 2016. Research and development expenses were \$15.8 million in fiscal 2017, compared to \$12.1 million in the prior fiscal year, and selling, general and administrative expenses, which included litigation-related expenses, were \$11.1 million, compared to \$17.7 million in fiscal 2016.

Litigation-related expenses in fiscal 2017 were minimal at \$142,000, down substantially from \$6.7 million in fiscal 2016. The litigation-related expenses were incurred primarily in connection with a commercial and trade secret lawsuit against United Memories, Inc. ("UMI") and Integrated Silicon Solutions, Inc. ("ISSI"). As previously reported, the trial of the UMI/ISSI litigation concluded on November 25, 2015 with mixed results, and appeals of the case remain pending. Expenses related to patent infringement and antitrust litigation involving Cypress Semiconductor, which was settled in May 2015, also contributed to fiscal 2016 expenses.

The Company reported a net loss of \$(1.3) million, or \$(0.07) per diluted share, on net revenues of \$10.4 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, compared to a net loss of \$(87,000), or \$(0.00) per diluted share, on net revenues of \$12.2 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016 and net income of \$348,000, or \$0.02 per diluted share, on net revenues of \$11.5 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2017, ended December 31, 2016. Gross margin was 56.4% compared to 50.3% in the prior year period and 56.6% in the preceding third quarter.

Total operating expenses in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017 were \$7.4 million, compared to \$6.3 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016 and \$6.3 million in the preceding third quarter. Research and development expenses were \$4.2 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017, compared to \$3.4 million in the prior year period and \$3.8 million in the preceding third quarter. Selling, general and administrative expenses, which included litigation-related expenses, were \$3.2 million compared to \$2.9 million in the quarter ended March 31, 2016, and up sequentially from \$2.4 million in the preceding quarter. Litigation-related expenses in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017 were \$45,000, up from \$43,000 in the previous quarter and down from \$222,000 in the same period a year ago.

Lee-Lean Shu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, noted, "Our net revenues came in within the range of guidance that we had provided earlier in the fourth quarter. As anticipated, fourth quarter revenues were down sequentially due, in part, to an inventory correction at our largest customer that began in the third quarter and continued to affect fourth quarter sales. In addition, during the fourth quarter, we continued to see slowness in our primary telecommunications and networking markets and continued weak sales in Asia. However, fourth quarter gross margin came in well above our guidance at 54.8%, driven by a continuing favorable mix of higher margin products. We remain focused on expanding our market position in the high speed SRAM and low-latency DRAM segments, including the development of our extremely high performance SigmaQuad radiation-hardened SRAM products targeted at aerospace and defense applications, which we expect to introduce in the second half of calendar 2017. Meanwhile, we are continuing to devote substantial development resources toward the creation of a new category of products based on our patented inplace associative computing technology and intellectual property. These products will utilize massive parallel data processing capability to greatly improve computation, search and response time for use in a variety of 'big data' applications (including machine learning and deep convolutional neural networks ("CNNs")), computer vision and cyber security."

Sales to Nokia (Alcatel-Lucent) were \$4.2 million, or 40.0% of net revenues, during the fourth quarter, compared to \$4.5 million, or 39.5% of net revenues, in the prior quarter and \$4.3 million, or 35.1% of net revenues, in the same period a year ago. Fourth-quarter direct and indirect sales to Cisco Systems were \$745,000, or 7.2% of net revenues, compared to \$1.1 million, or 9.8% of net revenues, in the prior quarter, and \$1.0 million, or 8.0% of net revenues, in the same period a year ago. Military/defense sales were 24.3% of fourth quarter shipments compared to 15.9% in the prior quarter and 19.5% in the comparable period a year ago. SigmaQuad sales were 53.0% of fourth quarter shipments compared to 54.2% in the prior quarter and 53.5% in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016.

Fourth-quarter fiscal 2017 operating loss was \$(1.5) million, compared to operating income of \$234,000 in the prior quarter and an operating loss of \$(156,000) a year ago. The fourth-quarter fiscal 2017 net loss included interest and other income of \$183,000 and a tax provision of \$2,000, compared to \$26,000 in interest and other income and a tax benefit of \$43,000 a year ago; in the preceding quarter, net loss included interest and other income of \$61,000 and a tax benefit of \$53,000.

Total fourth-quarter pre-tax stock-based compensation expense was \$518,000 compared to \$429,000 in the prior quarter and \$463,000 in the comparable quarter a year ago.

At March 31, 2017, the Company had \$49.9 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and \$12.9 million in long-term investments.

Outlook for First Quarter of Fiscal 2018

Looking forward to the first quarter of fiscal 2018, we currently expect net revenues to be in the range of \$11.0 million to \$12.0 million. We expect gross margin of approximately 55% to 57% in the first quarter.

Conference Call

GSI Technology will review its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 and discuss its current business outlook during a conference call at 1:30 p.m. Pacific (4:30 p.m. Eastern) today, May 4, 2017. To listen to the teleconference, please call toll-free 888-576-4391 approximately 10 minutes prior to the above start time and provide Conference ID 7556552. You may also listen to the teleconference live via the Internet at www.gsitechnology.com, where it will be archived.

About GSI Technology

Founded in 1995, GSI Technology, Inc. is a provider of high performance semiconductor memory solutions to networking, industrial, medical, aerospace and military customers. The company is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California and has sales offices in the Americas, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit www.gsitechnology.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained in this press release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding GSI Technology's expectations, beliefs, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are based upon information available to GSI Technology as of the date hereof, and GSI Technology assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve a variety of risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks include those associated with normal guarterly and fiscal year-end closing processes. Examples of other risks that could affect our expectations regarding future revenues and gross margins include those associated with fluctuations in GSI Technology's operating results; GSI Technology's historical dependence on sales to a limited number of customers and fluctuations in the mix of customers and products in any period; the rapidly evolving markets for GSI Technology's products and uncertainty regarding the development of these markets; the need to develop and introduce new products to offset the historical decline in the average unit selling price of GSI Technology's products; the challenges of rapid growth followed by periods of contraction; intensive competition; and delays or unanticipated costs that may be encountered in the development of new products based on our in-place associative processing technology and the establishment of new markets and customer relationships for the sale of such products. Further information regarding these and other risks relating to GSI Technology's business is contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in such filings.

GSI TECHNOLOGY, INC.	
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF	OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except per share	data)
(Unaudited)	

	Thre	ee Months E	Twelve Months Ended			
		2016	2016	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016	
Net revenues Cost of goods sold		4,989	6,074	\$ 48,180 21,764	25,999	
Gross profit		6,495		26,416		
Operating expenses:						
Research & development Selling, general and administrative Total operating expenses	·			15,803		
				11,140		
	7,386	6,261		26,943	29,758	
Operating income (loss)	(1,530)	234	(156)	(527)	(3,021)	
Interest and other income (expense), net	183			478		
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,347)	295	(130)	(49)	(2,811)	

Provision (benefit) for income taxes		2		(53)		(43)	66	(641)		
Net income (loss)	\$ ==:	(1,349) ======	\$ ==	348 ======	\$ ==	(87) ======	\$ ==	(115)	\$ ==	(2,170) ======
Net income (loss) per share, basic Net inocme (loss) per	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.02	\$	-	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.10)
share, diluted	\$	(0.07)	\$	0.02	\$	-	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.10)
shares used in computing per share amounts:										
Basic Diluted		20,483 20,483		20,300 21,097		22,139 22,139		20,652 20,652		22,593 22,593

Stock-based compensation included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations:

		Thr	ee Mo	Twelve Months Ended						
	March 31, 2017		Dec. 31, 2016		March 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		March 31, 2016	
Cost of goods sold Research & development Selling, general and administrative	\$	73	\$	78	\$	98	\$	282	\$	340
		268		251		190		980		838
		177		100		175		615		672
	\$ =====	518 =====	\$ ====	429	\$ ====	463	\$ ===	1,877	\$ ===	1,850

Litigation related expenses included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations:

	Three Months Ended							Twelve Months Ended				
	March 201	'	Dec. 31, 2016		March 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		March 31, 2016			
Selling, general and administrative	\$	45	\$	43	\$	222	\$	142	\$	6,657		

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