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 13, 1997				
PHOTRONICS, INC (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)						
Connecticut(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)						
1061 East Indiantown R (Address of Principal E	Road, Jupiter, FL Executive Offices)	33477 (Zip Code)				
Registrant's Telephone Number, i	ncluding area code:_	561-747-4163				
(Former Name or Former	Address, if Changed	Since Last Report)				

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

This Form 8-K is being filed to file the exhibits listed in Item 7, below.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 27 Financial Data Schedule
 - 99.1 Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at May 4, 1997 (unaudited) and October 31, 1996 and Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings for the Three Months and Six Months Ended May 4, 1997 and April 30, 1996 (unaudited).

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 hereto duly authorized.

PHOTRONICS, INC.

By:_____JEFFREY P. MOONAN______ Jeffrey P. Moonan Senior Vice President Secretary

Date: May 13, 1997

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This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the Condensed Consolidated Statement Earnings and the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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PHOTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (dollars in thousands)

	May 4, 1997	October 31, 1996
ASSETS =====		
Current assets: Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments Accounts receivable Inventories Other current assets Total current assets	\$ 11,115 30,403 9,292 7,164 57,974	\$ 26,684 24,750 7,992 6,154 65,580
Property, plant and equipment, net	146,494	123,666
Intangible assets, net	8,754	9,305
Investments and other assets	10,599 \$223,821 ======	13,352 \$211,903 ======
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities: Current portion of long-term debt Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Total current liabilities	\$ 39 30,831 30,870	\$ 38 43,929 43,967
Long-term debt Deferred income taxes and other liabilities	17,023 8,813	1,987 9,532
Shareholders' equity	167,115 \$223,821	156,417 \$211,903

PHOTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
	May 4,	April 30, 1996	May 4, 1997	
Net sales	\$49,034	\$40,514	\$89,063	
Costs and expenses: Cost of sales Selling, general and administrative Research and development	6,244 2,622		11,279 4,924	10,032 3,948
Operating income	9,885	8,133	17,230	15,139
Interest and other income, net	99	334	1,379(a)	879
Income before income taxes	9,984	8,467	18,609	16,018
Provision for income taxes	3,800	3,200	7,100	6,100
Net income	\$ 6,184 ======	\$ 5,267 ======	\$11,509(a) =====	
Net income per common share	\$0.50 ====		\$0.93(a) =====	\$0.82 =====
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	12,432	12,048 =====	12,331 =====	,

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⁽a) Includes a net gain from the sale of equity investments of \$1.1 million (\$0.7 million, or \$0.05 per share, after tax).