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) January 17, 2001

AVNET, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New York 1-4224 11-1890605

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2211 South 47th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85034

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code - (480) 643-2000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Inapplicable
- (b) Inapplicable.
- (c) Exhibits:

99. Press Release of Avnet, Inc. dated January 17, 2001

Item 9. Regulation F-D Disclosure.

The press release of Avnet, Inc. issued on January 17, 2001 is being filed as Exhibit 99 hereto.

Management of Avnet, Inc. may, from time to time, comment on expectations concerning Avnet's future financial performance during discussions with investors, the media, investment analysts, and others. To the extent management's expectations differ during those discussions from the comments made by management in Avnet's quarterly earnings conference calls, such new expectations will be posted on the Investor Relations home page of Avnet's web site.

No other item of this report form is presently applicable to the Registrant.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AVNET, INC. (Registrant)

Date: January 17, 2001 By:/s/ Raymond Sadowski

Raymond Sadowski Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer 3

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Description of Exhibit

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Press Release of Avnet, Inc. dated January 17, 2001

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AVNET, INC. 2211 SOUTH 47 STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85034

JANUARY 17, 2001

AVNET, INC. FISCAL 2001 SECOND QUARTER EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

Avnet, Inc. (NYSE:AVT) announced today that its second quarter fiscal 2001 earnings conference call will be held on:

- DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2001

- TIME: 2:00 PM EST / 1:00 PM CST / 12:00 Noon MST / 11:00 AM PST

- PHONE: (913) 981-5510

Roy Vallee, Avnet's Chairman and CEO, will comment on the Company's Second Quarter results. Other members of Avnet's senior management will be on the teleconference to respond to questions.

Individuals who do not have an opportunity to participate in the teleconference can access the replay approximately 2-3 hours after the call ends. The replay will be available until Friday, February 2, 2000.

- REPLAY #: (719) 457-0820

- CONFIRMATION #: 499282

The teleconference will also be archived on the Avnet, Inc. web site http://www.avnet.com, accessible from the Investor Relations home page.

Management of Avnet, Inc. may, from time to time, comment on expectations relative to Avnet's future financial performance during discussions with investors, the media, investment analysts, and others. To the extent management's expectations differ during those discussions from the comments made by management on the earnings conference call, such new expectations will be posted on the Investor Relations home page of Avnet's web site.

For more information, please contact Lillie Scarna, Manager of Shareholder Services, at (480) 643-7291 or lillie.scarna@avnet.com

Phoenix, Arizona, USA-based Avnet, Inc. (NYSE:AVT), a Fortune 500 company with annual sales exceeding \$9 billion, is one of the world's largest distributors of semiconductors, interconnect, passive and electromechanical components and computer products from the leading manufacturers. Serving customers in 60 countries, Avnet markets, inventories and adds value to these products and provides world-class supply-chain management and engineering services. The Company's web site is located at www.avnet.com.

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