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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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XYRATEX LTD

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Xyratex Ltd Announces Final Results for the Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2008

Havant, UK, February 17, 2009 Xyratex Ltd (Nasdaq: XRTX), a leading provider of enterprise class data storage subsystems and storage process technology, today announced final results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended November 30, 2008. These results represent an update to the preliminary results announced on January 6, 2009.

The only change from the results announced on January 6 is related to the specific provision representing inventory and future vendor claims. This provision was associated with a specific Networked Storage Solutions customer product forecast which indicated a transition to an updated version sooner than originally planned, giving rise to an exposure on long lead time components. Within its preliminary results the Company provided what it believed would be its maximum probable exposure of \$9.5 million.

Following a thorough assessment of the exposure and mitigation opportunities, it has been concluded that the total provision required is \$2 million and hence the Company has been able to write back \$7.5 million of the preliminary provision.

The updated and final results for Xyratex Ltd for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended November 30, 2008 are summarized below:

• Revenues for the fourth quarter were \$285.4 million, an increase of 15.1% compared to revenues of \$248 million for the same period last year. Revenues for the full year were \$1,049.7 million, an increase of 12.7%, compared to revenues of \$931.6 million for fiscal year 2007.

• Fourth quarter GAAP net loss was \$55.7 million, or \$1.92 per diluted share compared to GAAP net income of \$11.7 million in the same period last year.

• A GAAP net loss for fiscal year 2008 of \$47.9 million, or \$1.64 per diluted share compared to a GAAP net income of \$28.1 million for fiscal year 2007.

• Fourth quarter non-GAAP net income of \$0.4 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share compared to non-GAAP net income of \$13.1 million in the same quarter a year ago.

• A non-GAAP net income for fiscal year 2008 of \$16.2 million, or a diluted earnings per share of \$0.56 compared to non-GAAP net income of \$37.5 million, or \$1.26 per diluted share, for fiscal year 2007(1).

• Gross profit margin in the fourth quarter of 12.5%, compared to 18.5% in the same period last year and 17.6% in the prior quarter.

These results will be reflected in the Company s Annual Report on Form 20-F to be issued shortly.

The intention in providing these non-GAAP measures is to provide supplemental information regarding the Company s operational performance whilst recognizing that they have material limitations and that they should only be referred to with reference to the corresponding GAAP measure.

The Company believes that the provision of these non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors and investment analysts because it enables comparison to the Company s historical operating results, those of competitors and other industry participants and also provides transparency to the measures used by management in operational and financial decision making. In relation to the specific items excluded: (a) intangible assets represent costs incurred by the acquired business prior to acquisition, are not cash costs and will not be replaced when the assets are fully amortized and therefore the exclusion of these costs provides management and investors with better visibility of the costs required to generate revenue over time; (b) equity compensation expense is non-cash in nature, is outside the control of management during the period in which the expense is incurred and in addition has not been measured consistently as a result of the implementation of FAS 123R; (c) the impairment of goodwill and the valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset is non-recurring, non-cash and is not comparable across periods or with other companies; (d) the exclusion of the related tax effects of excluding items (a) to (c) is necessary to show the effect on net income of the change in tax expense that would have been recorded if these items had not been incurred.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Factors that might cause such a difference include our inability to compete successfully in the competitive and rapidly changing marketplace in which we operate, failure to retain key employees, changes in our customers volume requirements, cancellation or delay of projects and adverse general economic conditions in the United States and internationally. These risks and other factors include those listed under Risk Factors and elsewhere in our

⁽¹⁾ Non-GAAP net income (loss) and diluted earnings (loss) per share excludes (a) amortization of intangible assets, (b) equity compensation expense, (c) specified non-recurring or non-cash items, such as the impairment of goodwill and the valuation allowance against a deferred tax asset, and (d) the related tax effects. Reconciliation of non-GAAP net income and diluted earnings per share to GAAP net income and GAAP diluted earnings per share is included in a table immediately following the condensed consolidated statements of cash flow below.

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Annual Report on Form 20-F as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (File No. 000-50799). In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, expects, intends, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, continue, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

About Xyratex

Xyratex is a leading provider of enterprise class data storage subsystems and storage process technology. The company designs and manufactures enabling technology that provides OEM and disk drive manufacturers with data storage products to support high-performance storage and data communication networks. Xyratex has over 20 years of experience in research and development relating to disk drives, storage systems and high-speed communication protocols.

Founded in 1994 in an MBO from IBM, and with headquarters in the UK, Xyratex has an established global base with R&D and operational facilities in Europe, the United States and South East Asia.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	NT	Three Mon			Year Ended						
	November 30, 2008		No	November 30, 2007		ovember 30, 2008	November 30, 2007				
	(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)										
Revenues:											
Networked Storage Solutions	\$	222,300	\$	187,216	\$	855,770	\$	693,990			
Storage Infrastructure		63,127		60,772		193,946		237,643			
Total revenues		285,427		247,988		1,049,716		931,633			
Cost of revenues		249,827		202,133		891,139		762,582			
Gross profit:											
Networked Storage Solutions		18,643		28,165		107,275		100,573			
Storage Infrastructure		17,234		18,046		52,566		69,716			
Equity compensation		(277)		(356)		(1,264)		(1,238)			
Total gross profit		35,600		45,855		158,577		169,051			
Operating expenses:											
Research and development		22,726		19,370		85,897		77,559			
Selling, general and administrative		15,984		16,532		63,686		61,977			
Amortization of intangible assets		1,223		2,485		4,882		7,304			
Impairment of goodwill		34,256				34,256					
Total operating expenses		74,189		38,387		188,721		146,840			
Operating income (loss)		(38,589)		7,468		(30,144)		22,211			
Other income								890			
Interest income, net		166		1,030		1,618		3,283			
Income (loss) before income taxes		(38,423)		8,498		(28,526)		26,384			
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		17,324		(3,229)		19,383		(1,725)			
Net income (loss)	\$	(55,747)	\$	11,727	\$	(47,909)	\$	28,109			
Net earnings (loss) per share:											
Basic	\$	(1.92)	\$	0.40	\$	(1.64)	\$	0.97			
Diluted	\$	(1.92)	\$	0.39	\$	(1.64)	\$	0.94			
Weighted average common shares (in thousands), used in											
computing net earnings (loss) per share:											
Basic		29,096		29,100		29,157		28,985			
Diluted		29,096		29,758		29,157		29,866			
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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		November 30, 2008 (US dollars and am thousands)		30,
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	28,013	\$	70,678
Accounts receivable, net	Ψ	140,879	Ψ	122,327
Inventories		128,183		91,662
Prepaid expenses		2,746		2,994
Deferred income taxes		1.000		3,000
Other current assets		4,430		8,275
Total current assets		305,251		298,936
Property, plant and equipment, net		47,229		37,421
Intangible assets, net		11,162		54,175
Deferred income taxes		9,545		19,743
Total assets	\$	373,187	\$	410,275
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	111,295	\$	96,046
Employee compensation and benefits payable		9,745		13,280
Deferred revenue		8,386		15,212
Income taxes payable		2,573		1,165
Other accrued liabilities		27,599		11,311
Total current liabilities		159,598		137,014
Long-term debt				
Total liabilities		159,598		137,014
Shareholders equity				
Common shares of Xyratex Ltd (in thousands), par value \$0.01 per share 70,000				
authorized, 29,146 and 29,117 issued and outstanding		291		291
Additional paid-in capital		366,067		356,268
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(13,603)		1,847
Accumulated deficit		(139,166)		(85,145)
Total shareholders equity		213,589		273,261
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$	373,187	\$	410,275

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		Year E	nded			
	November 30, 2008		November 30, 2007			
		ands)				
Cash flows from operating activities:		(00 0000000				
Net income (loss)	\$	(47,909)	\$	28,109		
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating						
activities:						
Depreciation		15,770		13,683		
Amortization of intangible assets		4,882		7,304		
Impairment of intangible assets		34,256				
Non-cash equity compensation		7,646		8,057		
Loss on sale of assets		185		341		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of impact of acquisitions and divestitures						
Accounts receivable		(18,552)		(17,003)		
Inventories		(36,521)		1,449		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,455		(2,956)		
Accounts payable		15,249		11,150		
Employee compensation and benefits payable		(3,535)		(3,365)		
Deferred revenue		(6,826)		(1,091)		
Income taxes payable		1,408		(476)		
Deferred income taxes		16,944		(1,616)		
Other accrued liabilities		2,718		(2,266)		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(12,830)		41,320		
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Investments in property, plant and equipment		(25,763)		(16,974)		
Acquisition of intangible assets				(4,833)		
Acquisition of business, net of cash received				(1,661)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(25,763)		(23,468)		
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Payments of short-term borrowings				(7,000)		
Repurchases of common shares		(6,116)				
Proceeds from issuance of shares		2,044		2,905		
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,072)		(4,095)		
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(42,665)		13,757		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		70,678		56,921		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	28,013	\$	70,678		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

	Three Mon vember 30, 2008 dollars in th per share	Nover 2 ousand	nber 30, 007 s, except	Year F vember 30, 2008 dollars in th per share	November 30, 2007 nousands, except	
Summary Reconciliation Of GAAP Net Income To Non-GAAP Net Income						
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ (55,747)	\$	11,727	\$ (47,909)	\$	28,109
Amortization of intangible assets	1,223		2,485	4,882		7,304
Impairment of goodwill	34,256			34,256		
Equity compensation	1,755		2,237	7,646		8,057
Other income						(890)
Tax effect of impairment of goodwill	(9,592)			(9,592)		
Tax effect of other non-GAAP adjustments	(1,024)		(1,602)	(3,791)		(4,050)
Valuation allowance against UK deferred tax asset	29,466			29,466		
Effect on deferred tax of changes to UK tax rates and exchange rates	110		(1,743)	1,254		(1,040)
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 447	\$	13,104	\$ 16,212	\$	37,490
Summary Reconciliation Of Diluted GAAP Earnings Per Share To Diluted Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share Diluted GAAP earnings (loss) per share	\$ (1.92)	\$	0.39	\$ (1.64)	\$	0.94
Amortization of intangible assets	0.04		0.08	0.17		0.24
Impairment of goodwill	1.18			1.17		
Equity compensation	0.06		0.08	0.26		0.27
Other income						(0.03)
Tax effect of impairment of goodwill	(0.33)			(0.33)		
Tax effect of other non-GAAP adjustments	(0.03)		(0.05)	(0.13)		(0.14)
Valuation allowance against UK deferred tax asset	1.01			1.01		
Effect on deferred tax of changes to UK tax rates and exchange rates			(0.06)	0.04		(0.03)
Diluted non-GAAP earnings per share	\$ 0.02	\$	0.44	\$ 0.56	\$	1.26
Summary Of Equity Compensation						
Cost of revenues	277		356	1,264		1,238
	567		711	2,469		2,477
Research and development						
Research and development Selling, general and administrative	911		1,170	3,913		4,342

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, thereunto duly authorized.

XYRATEX LTD (Registrant)

Date: February 17, 2009

By:

/s/ Richard Pearce Name: Richard Pearce Title: Chief Financial Officer