

AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 8-K

September 15, 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): **September 15, 2008**

Axcelis Technologies, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-30941

(Commission File Number)

34-1818596

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

108 Cherry Hill Drive

Beverly, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

01915

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(978) 787-4000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company hereby furnishes as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K a copy of a letter to Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. dated September 15, 2008. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Letter from Mary G. Puma, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Axcelis Technologies, Inc. to Yoshinobu Nakamura, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. dated September 15, 2008

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 15, 2008

Axcelis Technologies, Inc.

By:

/s/ STEPHEN G. BASSETT
Stephen G. Bassett
Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer
