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Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 15, 2008, Microchip Technology Incorporated (“Microchip”) issued a press release with respect to its delivery to Atmel Corporation (“Atmel”) of the required written notice regarding Microchip’s director nominations for Atmel’s 2009 annual meeting. The press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Microchip Press Release, dated December 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.

Dated: December 15, 2008

Microchip Technology Incorporated
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Gordon W.
Parnell
Gordon W. Parnell
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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