## 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) October 28, 2014

## Active Power, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-30939 (Commission File Number) 74-2961657 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2128 W. Braker Lane, BK 12 Austin, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 78758 (Zip Code)

(512) 836-6464

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 28, 2014, Active Power, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its results of operations for its fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2014. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 2.02 by reference.

#### Item 5.08. Shareholder Director Nominations.

The information set forth under Item 8.01 of this Form 8-K is incorporated by reference in this Item 5.08.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 23, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Company approved Friday, April 24, 2015, as the date of the 2015 annual meeting of the Company's stockholders ("2015 Annual Meeting"). The Company has established March 2, 2015, as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice and to vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Any qualified stockholder proposals (including proposals made pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8 and any notice on Schedule 14N) to be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting and in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting must be received by the Company at its principal executive offices located at 2128 West Braker Lane, BK 12, Austin, TX 78758, addressed to the Corporate Secretary of the Company. In accordance with Regulation 14A and the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws"), such proposals must be received by the Company not before January 24, 2015, and not later than the close of business on February 23, 2015. All proposals must comply with applicable Delaware law, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

99.1<sup>†</sup> Press Release of Active Power, Inc. dated October 28, 2014.

† Furnished with this report.

#### 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: October 28, 2014

ACTIVE POWER, INC.

By: /s/ James A. Powers

James A. Powers Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1†</u>	Press Release of Active Power, Inc. dated October 28, 2014.

† Furnished with this report.



## Active Power Reports Third Quarter 2014 Results

AUSTIN, Texas (Oct. 28, 2014) - Active Power (NASDAQ: ACPW) reported results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2014.

#### Highlights

- UPS revenue increased \$1.9 million from the third quarter of 2013 and \$2.2 million from the previous quarter to \$8.4 million
- Americas sales improved \$600,000 from the third quarter of 2013 and \$3.0 million from the previous quarter to \$9.1 million
- Sales through OEM partner Caterpillar increased 13 percent to \$6.0 million in the first nine months ended September 30, 2014, from the same period in 2013
- Reduced net inventory over two consecutive quarters, down \$4.0 million or 31 percent from first quarter of 2014
- Entered into memorandums of understanding to settle previously disclosed shareholder lawsuits

#### Q3 2014 Financial Results

Revenue in the third quarter of 2014 was \$12.7 million compared to \$13.2 million in the year-ago period and \$10.2 million in the previous quarter. The increase in revenue from the previous quarter is due to higher product and service sales. The decrease in revenue from the third quarter of 2013 is attributable to lower service revenue associated with a large modular infrastructure solutions (MIS) project versus year-ago results, largely offset by increased product revenue in the 2014 period versus the third quarter of 2013. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, revenue was \$33.8 million compared to \$47.8 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Gross margin in the third quarter of 2014 was 29.6% compared to 30.0% in the year-ago period and 18.9% in the previous quarter. The increase in gross margin from the previous quarter is primarily related to improved product margins driven by higher overhead absorption in the factory and favorable mix of sales of higher margin products and services. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, gross margin was 25.5% compared to 31.9% in the first nine months of 2013.

Operating expenses in the third quarter of 2014 were \$5.9 million compared to \$6.9 million in the year-ago period and \$6.2 million in the previous quarter. The decrease in operating expenses from the previous quarter was largely due to improved expense control. The decrease from the third quarter of 2013 is largely due to lower bad debt expense and product development cost. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, operating expenses were \$18.7 million compared to \$19.0 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Net loss in the third quarter of 2014 was 2.5 million or (0.11) per share compared to net loss of 3.1 million or (0.16) in the year-ago period and a net loss of 4.4 million or (0.19) per share in the previous quarter. The decrease in net loss from the previous quarter is primarily due to higher revenue, improved gross margin, and operating expense control. The lower net loss versus the third quarter of 2013 is due to lower operating expenses compared to year-ago results.

An income tax expense of approximately \$0.3 million was recorded in the third quarter of 2014 in settlement of a tax examination of the company's German subsidiary for the years 2007 through 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, net loss was \$10.8 million compared to a net loss of \$4.2 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Adjusted EBITDA in the third quarter of 2014 was a negative \$1.8 million compared to a negative \$2.3 million in the year-ago period and a negative \$3.8 million in the previous quarter. The improvement in adjusted EBITDA from both periods is primarily due to lower net losses in the third quarter of 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, adjusted EBITDA was a negative \$8.8 million compared to a negative \$2.1 million in the first nine months of 2013.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$13.8 million at September 30, 2014. This compares to cash and cash equivalents of \$12.3 million at December, 31, 2013, and \$14.3 million at September 30, 2013.

#### **Bookings and Backlog**

Bookings in the third quarter of 2014 were \$13.6 million compared to bookings of \$12.6 million in the year-ago period and \$16.0 million in the previous quarter. On a cumulative year to date basis through September 30, 2014, we have booked \$43.5 million in orders resulting in a book to bill ratio of 1.29. The dollar amount of backlog believed to be firm was approximately \$24.4 million at September 30, 2014. Of the total backlog, approximately \$5.8 million, primarily associated with long-term service contracts, is not expected to be filled in the following 12 months. Backlog represents anticipated revenue from unfulfilled product orders and from service work not yet performed under signed contracts. Please refer to the Supplemental Information following the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for more detail regarding bookings.

#### **Management Commentary**

"Our UPS sales improved 27 percent in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013," said Mark A. Ascolese, president and CEO, for Active Power. "We believe this increase is due in part to the deployment of a more technically oriented sales organization, sales of our CleanSource HD UPS product, and an increase in sales via our OEM channel. Our bookings again exceeded shipments for the third consecutive quarter. Our efforts to increase productivity are also yielding results as we reduced net inventory by 31 percent over two consecutive quarters from first quarter of 2014, which is favorably impacting our cash flow."

"With improving revenue performance and an opportunities pipeline that continues to grow, we believe we will exit 2014 in a better position than when we entered the year from both a revenue and backlog standpoint. As we enter 2015, our key priorities will remain in place – generating increased bookings, leveraging products we have in place to grow the business, and positioning Active Power as a mission critical and energy storage company."

#### **Conference Call and Webcast**

Active Power will host a conference call today, Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. (ET) to discuss its third quarter 2014 results. Interested parties can dial into the conference call at the time of the event at (888) 438-5524. For callers outside the U.S. and Canada, please dial (719) 325-2452.

For parties wanting to listen live via the web, a webcast button is located on Active Power's investor relations website at <u>http://ir.activepower.com</u>. A replay of the webcast will be available via Active Power's investor relations website.

#### **About Active Power**

Founded in 1992, Active Power (NASDAQ: ACPW) is a global leader in flywheel energy and power technology for mission critical applications. The company's products and solutions are unique because of its patented flywheel and power electronics technology that delivers critical power to leading innovators across multiple industries. The combined benefits of its products' power density, reliability, and total cost of ownership are unmatched in the market. The company's products and solutions are built with pride in Austin, Texas, at a state-of-the-art, ISO 9001:2008 registered manufacturing and test facility. Global customers are served via Austin and three regional operations centers located in the United Kingdom, Germany, and China, that support the deployment of systems in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit <u>www.activepower.com</u>.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measure**

This press release includes information about adjusted EBITDA, which is not a financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. At the end of the following tables, under adjusted EBITDA, Active Power has provided a reconciliation of historical adjusted EBITDA to GAAP net loss, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, under the heading "Adjusted EBITDA." Active Power encourages investors to review this reconciliation in conjunction with our presentation of adjusted EBITDA. See "About Presentation of Adjusted EBITDA" in the following tables for our definition of adjusted EBITDA and for an important discussion about the use of this metric.

#### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release that relate to future results and events (including statements about our efforts to increase productivity yielding results; growing the opportunities pipeline; exiting 2014 in a better position than when we entered the year; our future financial and operating performance; leveraging products we have in place to grow the business; increasing bookings and improving backlog; improving cash flow; and positioning the organization as a mission critical energy storage company) are forward-looking statements based on Active Power's current expectations. Actual results and the outcomes of future events may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements because of a number of risks and uncertainties, including: our history of significant operating losses; our increased emphasis on larger and more complex system solutions and customer concentration; the possibility backlog may not result in revenue; the deferral or cancellation of sales commitments as a result of general economic conditions or uncertainty; financial required to fund our operations; risks related to our international operations; our dependence on our relationships with Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard, other original equipment manufacturers (OEM), other strategic IT partners, and on our distributors; product performance and quality issues; our underutilized manufacturing capacity and lack of experience manufacturing our products in large quantities; the level of acceptance of our current and future products in the market; significant competition; intellectual property claims; pending legal matters that have increased our costs and could result in fines and penalties; and our continued ability to borrow under our credit agreement or raise capital as needed to support the business.

For more information on the risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward looking statements, please refer to Active Power filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and its Current Reports on Form 8-K filed since then. Active Power assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or information which are in effect as of their respective dates.

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#### Active Power, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (in thousands, except per share amounts; unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Endeo September 30,			
	 2014	2013		_	2014	_	2013		
Revenues:									
Product revenue	\$ 9,729	\$	8,023	\$	24,670	\$	34,858		
Service and other revenue	2,963		5,131		9,114		12,915		
Total revenue	12,692		13,154		33,784		47,773		
Cost of goods sold:									
Cost of product revenue	7,490		6,784		19,747		25,373		
Cost of service and other revenue	 1,442		2,426		5,434		7,180		
Total cost of goods sold	 8,932		9,210	_	25,181	_	32,553		
Gross profit	3,760		3,944		8,603		15,220		
Operating expenses:									
Research and development	1,516		2,149		5,196		5,580		
Selling and marketing	2,891		2,714		8,931		8,684		
General and administrative	 1,455		2,046		4,530		4,759		
Total operating expenses	 5,862		6,909		18,657		19,023		
Loss from Operations	 (2,102)		(2,965)		(10,054)		(3,803)		
Interest expense, net	(94)		(118)		(301)		(282)		
Other income (expense), net	 (42)		(52)		(170)		(139)		
Loss before income taxes	(2,238)		(3,135)		(10,525)		(4,224)		
Income tax expense	(258)		-		(258)		-		
Net loss	\$ (2,496)	\$	(3,135)	\$	(10,783)	\$	(4,224)		
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.11)	\$	(0.16)	\$	(0.48)	\$	(0.22)		
Shares used in computing net loss per share, basic and diluted	23,124		19,337		22,271		19,188		

#### Active Power, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except par value)

September 30,	December 31,
2014	2013
(unaudited)	

#### ASSETS

Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	13,804	\$	12,261
Restricted cash		42		520
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$217 and \$313 at September 30, 2014 and December				
31, 2013, respectively		11,186		9,075
Inventories, net		8,964		12,020
Prepaid expenses and other		715		680
Total current assets		34,711		34,556
Property and equipment, net		2,333		3,056
Deposits and other		297		295
Total assets	\$	37,341	\$	37,907
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	2,476	\$	2,993
Accrued expenses		4,119		5,583
Deferred revenue		3,590		2,749
Revolving line of credit		5,535		5,535
Total current liabilities		15,720		16,860
Long-term liabilities		852		741
Stockholders' equity				
Preferred stock - \$0.001 par value; 2,000 shares authorized		-		-
Common stock - \$0.001 par value; 40,000 and 30,000 shares authorized; 23,160 and 19,452 shares issued and 23,091				
and 19,388 shared outstanding at September 30, 2014 and		23		19
December 31, 2013, respectively				
Treasury stock		(229)		(215)
Additional paid-in capital		302,325		290,964
Accumulated deficit		(281,951)		(271,168)
Other accumulated comprehensive income		601		706
Total stockholders' equity		20,769		20,306
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	37,341	\$	37,907
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# Active Power, Inc. Supplemental Information (in thousands)

<u>Revenue by</u> Product				Thre	e Months ]		Nine Months Ended								
	September 30,				ember 30,		Ju	ne 30,		Se	ptember 30,			ember 30,	
		014	% of total		2013	% of total		,	% of total	_	2014	% of t		2013	% of total
UPS	\$	8,383	66	%\$	6,495	49	%\$	6,159	61%	S	21,178		63% \$	16,731	35%
MIS	Ψ	1,346	11		1,528	12		1,325	13%		3,492		10%	18,127	38%
Total		,			,			)			- , -			-, -	
Product															
Revenue		9,729	77	%	8,023	61	%	7,484	74%		24,670		73%	34,858	73%
Service		2,963	23	%	5,131	39	%	2,670	26%		9,114		27%	12,915	27%
Total															
Revenue	\$	12,692	100	%\$	13,154	100	% \$ 1	0,154	100%	\$	33,784		100% \$	47,773	100%
<u>Revenue by</u> <u>Geography</u>	-														
Americas	\$	9.124	72	%\$	8,522	65	%\$	6,078	60%	\$	23.106		68% \$	39.087	82%
EMEA	+	2,920	23		1,718	13		3,513	35%		8,581		25%	5,493	11%
Asia		648		%	2,914	22		563	6%		2,097		6%	3,193	7%
Total					· · · · ·					-	/				
Revenue	\$	12,692	100	%\$	13,154	100	% \$ 1	0,154	100%	\$	33,784		100% \$	47,773	100%
<u>Total Bookin</u>	<u>ıgs</u>			Septe	mber 30,	plemental Decembe	,	Three M	onths Ende rch 31,	<i>,</i>	June 30,	Sept	tember 30,		onths Ended mber 30,
					2013	2013			2014		2014		2014	-	2014
Bookings				\$	12,626	\$ 1.	3,046	\$	13,918	\$	15,963	\$	13,580	\$	43,461
Book to Bill l	Ratio				0.96		0.94		1.27		1.57		1.07		1.29
								d EBITD ousands)							
				т	hree Mon	ths Ended			N	ine	Months Ende	h			
	September 30, September 30, June 30, September 30, Septemb								0,						
	2				201	,				2014 september 50,		2013			
Net loss			\$	(2,496)	\$	(3,135) \$		(4,413)	) \$ (	10,7	(83) \$	(4,2	/		
Interest Exp				94		118		106			01		82		
Depreciatio				304		245		306			25		04		
Stock Based	1			247		388		219		7	98	9	16		
Impairment Assets	of Long	-Lived				122		(1.0)			(1.5)		0.2		
			<u>Ф</u>	4	¢	132		(19)		_	(15)		02		
Adjusted EBI	IDA		\$	(1,847)	\$	(2,252) \$		(3,801)	) <u>\$</u>	(8,7	74) \$	(2,1	20)		

#### About Presentation of Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is not a financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other financial measures so calculated and presented, nor as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. The company defines adjusted EBITDA as net loss before impairment of long-lived assets, depreciation, interest, and non-cash stock based compensation. Other companies (including competitors) may define adjusted EBITDA differently. The company presents adjusted EBITDA because management believes it is to be an important supplemental measure of performance that is commonly used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. Management also uses this information internally for forecasting and budgeting. It may not be indicative of the historical operating results of Active Power, Inc. nor is it intended to be predictive of potential future results. Investors should not consider adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the company's results as reported under GAAP.