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Silicon Labs profit quadruples in Q3

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Austin chip maker Silicon Labs credits new products and heavy demand for electronics for quadrupled profits in the third quarter.

Silicon Laboratories Inc. (NASDAQ: SLAB) reported revenues of \$87.9 million for the quarter ending Sept. 30, compared with \$72.9 million the same period a year ago.

Profit for the quarter shot up to \$20 million, or 36 cents per share, compared with \$4.7 million, or 8 cents per share, a year earlier.

Silicon Labs, which makes analog-intensive, mixed-signal integrated circuits, ended the quarter with about \$638 million in cash.

In the last quarter of 2007, executives expect revenues of \$93 million to \$97 million.

The broad-based businesses, which includes timing and microcontrollers, saw double-digit growth, company officials say. Demand for the company's new FM transmitter in portable navigation devices and MP3 accessories was strong as well.

"We are realizing the leverage of our mixed-signal business model as strong demand combined with lower operating expenses drove better than anticipated results," says President and CEO Necip Sayiner. "With this foundation in place, we are prepared to further invest in our (research and development) efforts to continue to accelerate our growth in order to optimize the business for the future."

Shares shot up more than 4 percent to \$43.12 at latest trade.

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