## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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)
January 9, 2017

#### **FLUIDIGM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-34180 (Commission File Number) 77-0513190 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7000 Shoreline Court, Suite 100 South San Francisco, California 94080 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 266-6000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

k the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see a ral Instruction A.2. below):
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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 January 9, 2017, Fluidigm Corporation issued a press release announcing preliminary fourth quarter and full year 2016 revenue. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company is updating its investor presentation information as set forth in Exhibit 99.2, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

No. Description

**99.1** Fluidigm Corporation Press Release dated January 9, 2017

99.2 Fluidigm Corporation Investor Presentation dated January 9, 2017

The information furnished in this Current Report under Item 2.02 and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### SIGNATURE

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.

#### FLUIDIGM CORPORATION

Date: January 9, 2017

By: /s/ Vikram Jog

Vikram Jog Chief Financial Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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#### FLUIDIGM ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY REVENUE FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 9, 2017 – Fluidigm Corporation (NASDAQ:FLDM) today announced preliminary revenue for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2016.

Total revenue for the fourth quarter of 2016 is expected to be in the range of approximately \$24.7 million to \$25.2 million based on preliminary, unaudited financial data. At the midpoint of the range, fourth quarter 2016 revenue represents an increase of approximately 12% compared to \$22.2 million for the third quarter of 2016 and a decrease of approximately 19% compared to \$30.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2015. Accordingly, total revenue for the full year of 2016 is expected to be in the range of approximately \$104.1 million to \$104.6 million. At the midpoint of the range, full year 2016 revenue represents a decrease of approximately 9% compared to \$114.7 million for the full year 2015.

As of December 31, 2016, Fluidigm had approximately \$59.6 million in cash, cash equivalents, and investments compared with \$71.2 million as of September 30, 2016.

These financial results are preliminary and subject to completion of Fluidigm's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the audit of those financial statements by its independent registered public accounting firm.

"Despite a challenging 2016, we made solid progress in framing a strategy that will guide our company going forward. We are rebalancing our investment profile, improving operational efficiency, and increasing financial discipline. These initiatives are laying the foundation for a return to sustainable growth and stockholder return. I am excited to lead Fluidigm on this journey and have tremendous optimism for the future," said Chris Linthwaite, President and CEO.

#### Recent Business Highlights

#### Delivering on our commitments

- In December, Fluidigm commenced commercial delivery of Imaging Mass Cytometry systems to high-value customers. Imaging mass cytometry uniquely expands upon the capabilities of mass cytometry to enable high-dimensional biomarker detection from tissues and cells in spatial context.
- Fluidigm launched a modular set of high-parameter Maxpar® mass cytometry panels for immuno-oncology research in early November. These comprehensive panels allow researchers to simultaneously profile T cell subpopulations from limited or precious samples up to 34 highly informative markers, including checkpoint response. The panels can be easily combined for complete coverage or flexibly customized with access to hundreds of commercially available preconjugated antibodies and custom conjugation options.

Fluidigm released a new medium-cell high-throughput integrated fluidic circuit (HT IFC) with higher single-cell capture performance on the C1<sup>TM</sup> system in December.
Capturing up to 800 medium-size (10–17 μm) cells, the new medium-cell HT IFC provides industry-leading sensitivity for high-throughput automated single-cell sequencing.

#### Expanding our network

Fluidigm and GenomOncology entered into a distribution agreement to co-market the GO Clinical Workbench™ for molecular interpretation of somatic variants identified using Fluidigm systems in November. The combined offering will enable laboratories to achieve greater workflow efficiencies and productivity from next-generation sequencing (NGS) library preparation, variant annotation, and reporting.

#### Conference Call

Fluidigm will host a conference call in early February 2017 to discuss its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2016.

#### **Use of Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, statements regarding expected revenues and other financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2016; expected execution and benefits of a new strategic plan; expectations regarding sustainable growth and stockholder returns; and anticipated benefits of new products such as Imaging Mass Cytometry systems, Immuno-Oncology Maxpar Panels, the medium-cell HT IFC, and GO Clinical Workbench. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from currently anticipated results, including but not limited to risks relating to the future financial performance of Fluidigm product lines; challenges inherent in developing, manufacturing, launching, marketing, and selling new products; potential product performance and quality issues; the possible loss of key employees, customers, or suppliers; intellectual property risks; competition; Fluidigm research and development, sales, marketing, and distribution plans and capabilities; reduction in research and development spending or changes in budget priorities by customers; interruptions or delays in the supply of components or materials for, or manufacturing of, its products; seasonal variations in customer operations; unanticipated increases in costs or expenses; and risks associated with international operations. Information on these and additional risks and uncertainties and other information affecting Fluidigm business and operating results is contained in Fluidigm's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and in its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Fluidigm's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Fluidigm disclaims any obligation to update these forward-lookin

#### **About Fluidigm**

Fluidigm (NASDAQ:FLDM) develops, manufactures, and markets life science analytical and preparatory systems for growth markets such as single-cell biology and production genomics. We sell to leading academic institutions, clinical research laboratories, and pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and agricultural biotechnology companies worldwide. Our systems are based on proprietary microfluidics and multiparameter mass cytometry technology and are designed to significantly simplify experimental workflow, increase throughput, and reduce costs while providing excellent data quality. Fluidigm products are provided for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

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## Fluidigm Investor Presentation

January 2017



## **Use of Forward-Looking Statements**

This presentation contains, and accompanying oral statements may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, statements regarding potential applications for, and features and benefits of, Fluidigm products, opportunities for participation by Fluidigm in human cell atlas research, addressable market growth, implementation of strategic initiatives (including anticipated cost savings, modifications to an R&D investment model, new products and enhancements and support for existing products, product launch strategies, collaborations and partnerships, and customer relationships), and expected financial results. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from currently anticipated results, including but not limited to, risks relating to the future financial performance of Fluidigm product lines; challenges inherent in developing, manufacturing, launching, marketing, and selling new products; potential product performance and quality issues; the possible loss of key employees, customers, or suppliers; intellectual property risks; competition; Fluidigm research and development, sales, marketing, and distribution plans and capabilities; reduction in research and development spending or changes in budget priorities by customers; interruptions or delays in the supply of components or materials for, or manufacturing of, its products; seasonal variations in customer operations; unanticipated increases in costs or expenses; and risks associated with international operations. Information on these and additional risks, uncertainties, and other information affecting Fluidigm business and operating results are contained in Fluidigm's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and in its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Fluidigm's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Fluidigm disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements except as may be required by law.

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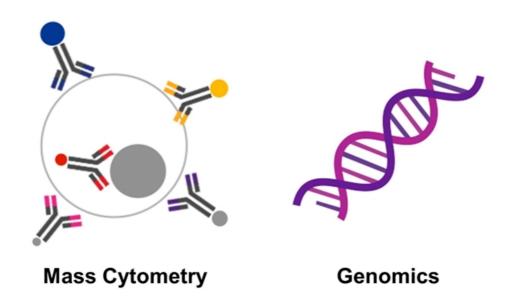
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### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information**

In this presentation, Fluidigm has presented certain financial information in accordance with GAAP and also on a non-GAAP basis for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015. Management believes that non-GAAP financial measures, taken in conjunction with GAAP financial measures, provide useful information for both management and investors by excluding certain non-cash and other expenses that are not indicative of the company's core operating results. Management uses non-GAAP measures to compare the company's performance relative to forecasts and strategic plans and to benchmark the company's performance externally against competitors. Non-GAAP information is not prepared under a comprehensive set of accounting rules and should only be used to supplement an understanding of the company's operating results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Fluidigm encourages investors to carefully consider its results under GAAP, as well as its supplemental non-GAAP information and the reconciliation between these presentations, to more fully understand its business. Reconciliations between GAAP and non-GAAP operating results are presented in the tables where the non-GAAP measures are provided in this presentation.

## **Fluidigm**

An innovative leader in cell and tissue analysis for translational and clinical research



# Empowering translational, clinical and pharmaceutical research

Oncology Immunology Stem cell Neuroscience Inherited diseases

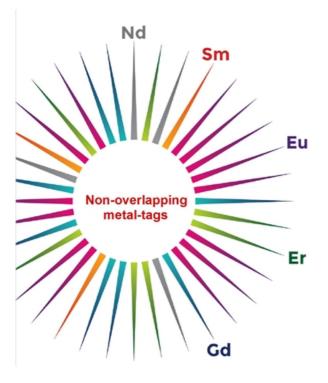
**Obtain comprehensive cellular profiles** from blood, tissues, and tumors in human and animal model systems.

**Discover rare cell populations and biomarkers** that inform disease progression and therapeutic development.

Affordably scale next-generation sequencing (NGS) library preparation, genotyping, and gene expression through automation and miniaturization of reaction volumes.

## Mass cytometry advantages

Unlocking new insights



Deeply profile 40+ parameters across millions of cells with little to no signal overlap, all from a single tube.

Flexible Maxpar® panels can be easily customized.

Maximize results from precious samples.

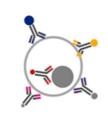
Proven technology, referenced by hundreds of publications from leading laboratories around world

## Mass cytometry workflow



#### Design

panels using Maxpar® antibodies & reagents or use pre-designed Maxpar panels



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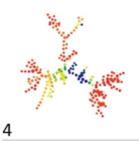
cells using Fluidigm validated protocols and buffers



#### **Acquire**

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high-parameter data for millions of cells with the Helios™ mass cytometer



#### **Analyze**

data using cloudbased Cytobank

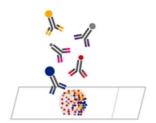


## Imaging mass cytometry workflow



#### Design

panels using Maxpar® antibodies & reagents



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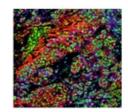
cells and tissues on slides using Fluidigm validated protocols and buffers



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#### **Image**

high-parameter data for millions of cells with the Imaging Mass Cytometry System



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#### **Analyze**

data using cloudbased MiCAT freeware.

## Immune monitoring

Comprehensive immune cell profiling



#### **Customer Goal**

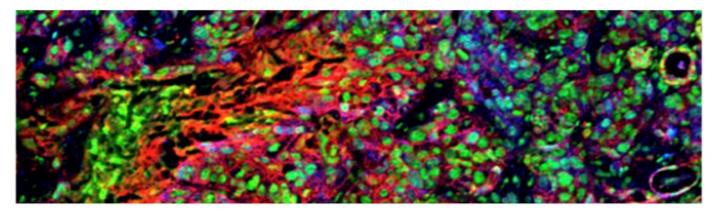
- Monitor the effects of immunotherapies and vaccine strategies in cancer
- Seeking the ability to deeply profile cell surface, intracellular and phospho-protein markers in immune cell populations.
- Require panel flexibility, to customize based on each project need.

#### Fluidigm Solutions

- Helios™, a CyTOF system
- Maxpar® antibodies and panels
- Custom conjugation with metal labeling
- · Cell barcoding for higher throughput

## Cancer biomarker development

Identification of multi-biomarker signatures in spatial context



#### **Customer Goal**

- Interrogate tumor sections and cell smears across multiple protein biomarkers to develop prognostic and diagnostic biomarker signatures.
- Visualize cancer and immune cell biomarkers in spatial context.
- Ensure panel flexibility to meet varying project needs.

#### **Fluidigm Solutions**

- Imaging Mass Cytometry System
- Maxpar® antibodies and panels
- Custom conjugation with metal labeling

## Genomics: the power of microfluidics



**Greater cost-effectiveness** with reagent miniaturization

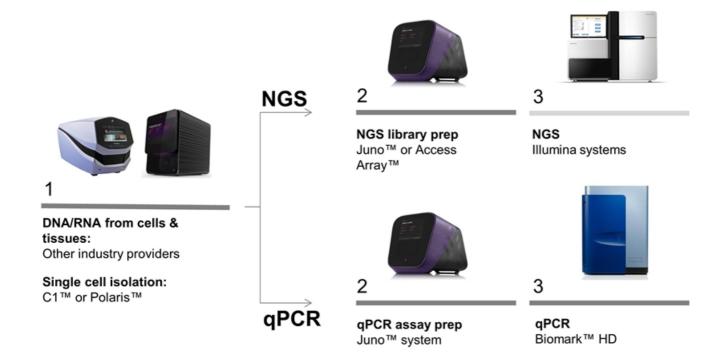
Scalable sample throughput without changing technologies

Flexible panel design allowing additional markers to be easily added over time.

Maximize results from precious samples

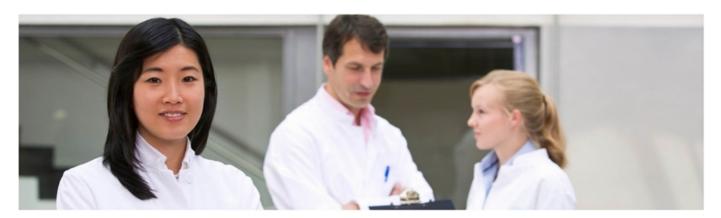
**Trusted performance** similar to established market platforms

# Providing efficient NGS library prep and qPCR workflows



## **Clinical Research laboratories**

Scalable and cost efficient genomic analysis



#### **Customer Goal**

- Routine screening of somatic and inherited mutations.
- Lower cost per sample, reduced hands on time to maximize profitability
- Access to proven pre-designed clinical research panels and flexible options to customize over time.

#### **Fluidigm Solutions**

- Biomark™ HD allowing easy migration of TaqMan qPCR assays
- Juno<sup>™</sup> for targeted NGS
- Access to growing list of Fluidigm clinical research panels in development

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## Human atlas initiative

Development of a comprehensive atlas at single cell resolution



#### **Customer Goal**

- Develop a comprehensive cell atlas of the human cells and tissues.
- Large scale screening to identify unique cell populations.
- Deep profiling of defined cell populations to bring greater meaning in health and disease.

#### Fluidigm Solutions

- Fluidigm is an active partner in the Human Cell Atlas Initiative.
- Fluidigm provides the broadest menu of single cell applications for deep characterization and functional analysis, including high quality single-cell full length mRNA sequencing, epigenetics profiling, and imaging mass cytometry.

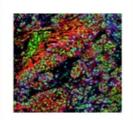
## A complete view: oncology research

Identification of tumor and blood associated biomarker signatures



Helios™ & Maxpar® antibody panels





Tissue biomarker signatures

Imaging mass cytometry (in development)





Somatic variant detection

Juno™ NGS library prep





Immuno-oncology gene expression

Biomark™ HD





Characterization of T cell receptor and & mutation diversity at single cell resolution

C1™ system



## **Attractive growing markets**

#### Mass Cytometry

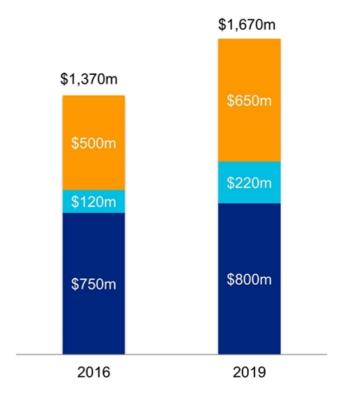
- Mid- to high-parameter flow cytometry and high-end microscopy/imaging driven by oncology and immunology developments
- Helios competitive advantage in 15+ parameter flow cytometry market
- Imaging mass cytometry is an evolving category in high-end microscopy market

#### Single-cell genomics

- Single-cell research market driven by publications, single-cell funding, and initiatives such as human cell atlasing
- C1 competitive advantage in breadth of applications and quality

#### Genomics

- Genomics market driven by conversion to next-generation sequencing
- Fluidigm (incl. Biomark, EP1, & Juno) competitive in mid-plex market; provide low cost, efficient, accurate solution for limited and low quality samples



Sources: Fluidigm internal estimates, DeciBio, L.E.K., BCC Research, TriMark.

## Strategic pillars for 2016 & beyond

	2016	2017	2018+	
Vision	Single-cell Pioneer	Translational Biology Partner	Empowering Healthcare Insight	
Themes	"What if" focus	"So what" focus	End-market focus	
	Emphasize general purpose instrument sales	Build application and workflow solutions	Optimize user friendly sample-to- answer workflow solutions	
	Breakthrough innovation R&D approach	Balance R&D investment with sustaining and derivative programs	Supplement growth with partnerships and collaborations	
Risk Profile	High-risk/reward strategy to maximize revenue growth	• •		
Product Mix	Focus on delivering innovative instruments to market	Metered launch cadence with feature- complete products and support	Maximize customer success	
Strategy Implementation	Re-frame strategic initiatives	Implement strategy	Deliver on strategy	
Financials	Revenue growth prioritized	Balance revenue growth objective with financial discipline	Deploy capital	

## Preliminary revenue for Q4 & FY 2016

	Q4 2016*	FY 2016*
Total revenue range	\$24.7m to \$25.2m	\$104.1m to \$104.6m
Year-over-year**	-19%	-9%
Quarter-over-quarter**	+12%	

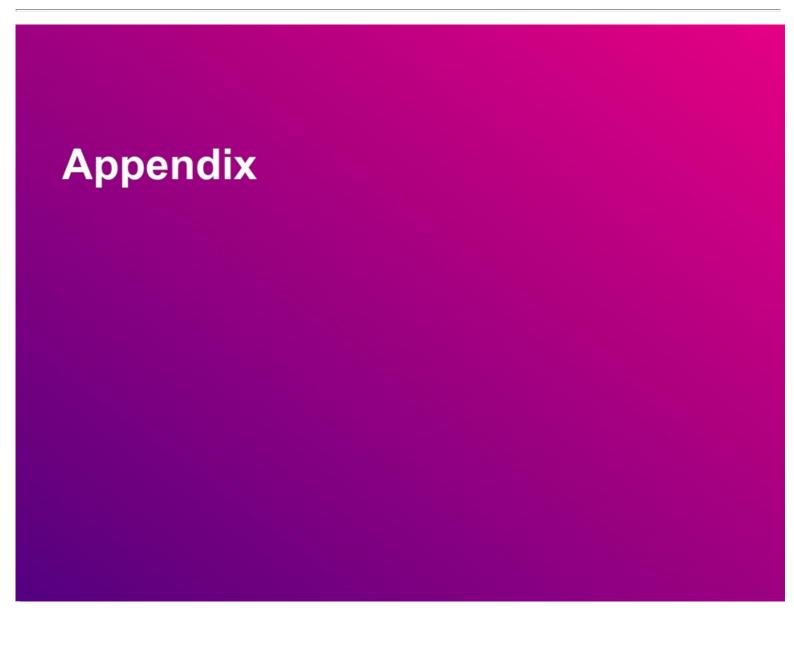
	Q4 2016*	Q3 2016
Cash, cash equivalents, and investments	approx. \$59.6m	\$71.2m

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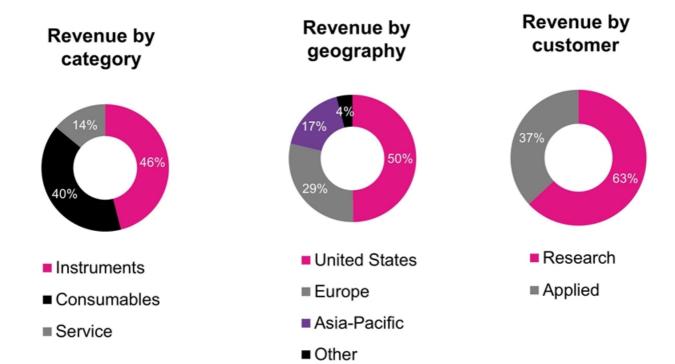
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<sup>\*\*</sup>Year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter changes are calculated at the midpoint of the total revenue range.

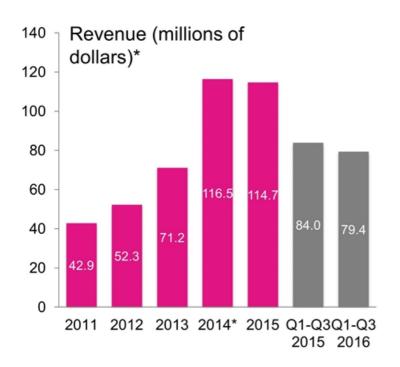
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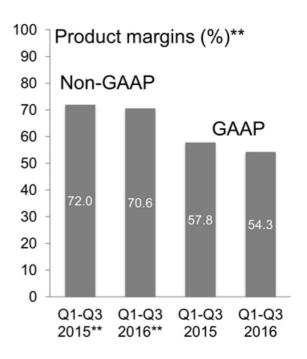


## First nine months 2016 revenue profile



## Revenue and product margins





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<sup>\*2014</sup> total revenue includes proteomics sales of \$20.7m.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to GAAP product margins is provided at the end of this presentation.

# Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP net loss

## FLUIDIGM CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION (In thousands, except per share amounts)

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Nin	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016		2015	
Net loss (GAAP)	\$	(58,289)	\$	(40,436)
Gain on escrow settlement		-	\$	(3,986)
Stock-based compensation expense		11,033		12,850
Amortization of developed technology (a)		8,400		8,400
Interest expense (b)		4,361		4,355
Depreciation and amortization		4,621		3,559
Benefit from acquisition related income taxes (c)		(2,397)		(2,324)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		12		93
Net loss (Non-GAAP)	\$	(32,259)	\$	(17,489)
Shares used in net loss per share calculation -				
basic and diluted (GAAP and Non-GAAP)		28,959		28,677
Net loss per share - basic and diluted (GAAP)	\$	(2.01)	\$	(1.41)
Net loss per share - basic and diluted (Non-GAAP)	\$	(1.11)	\$	(0.61)

- (a) represents amortization of developed technology in connection with the DVS acquisition
- (b) represents interest expense on Senior Convertible Notes
- (c) represents the tax impact on the purchase of intangible assets in connection with the DVS acquisition

# Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP product margins

#### ITEMIZED RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GAAP AND NON-GAAP PRODUCT MARGIN

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2016		2015	
Product margin (GAAP)	\$	36,998	\$	43,237
Amortization of developed technology (a)		8,400		8,400
Depreciation and amortization (d)		1,657		775
Stock-based compensation expense (d)		1,053		1,420
Product margin (Non-GAAP)	\$	48,108	\$	53,832
Product margin percentage (GAAP)		54.3%		57.8%
Product margin percentage (Non-GAAP)		70.6%		72.0%

<sup>(</sup>a) represents amortization of developed technology in connection with the DVS acquisition

<sup>(</sup>d) represents expense associated with cost of product revenue



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