

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3030

February 24, 2010

Kishore Seendripu, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer MaxLinear, Inc. 2051 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 100 Carlsbad, CA 92011

Re: MaxLinear, Inc.

Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1

Filed February 16, 2010 File No. 333-162947

Dear Mr. Seendripu:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

## Artwork

1. We note your response to prior comment 3 and the revised graphics on the inside back cover page. To the extent you retain the bullet point list of your competitive strengths and the chart comparing your products' integration levels with those of your competitors, please revise to ensure the graphics present a balanced portrayal of your company and business, such as by also noting the disadvantages of your products.

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## Cash Incentive Compensation, page 84

2. We note your response to prior comment 8 and your amended disclosure on page 85. Your disclosure concerning Dr. Reddy's and Mr. Graham's actual individual objectives remains vague. Please revise to disclose Dr. Reddy's individual goal related to product engineering objectives associated with volume production of your products for set top converter boxes in the European market. Similarly, please disclose Mr. Graham's goals with respect to achieving design wins and addressing geographic expansion of customer coverage.

## **Exhibits**

3. We note your disclosure on page 50 that you recently entered into a lease for a research and development facility in Irvine, California. Please file this agreement as an exhibit or tell us why you believe that it should not be filed pursuant to Item 601(b)(10).

As appropriate, please amend your registration statement in response to these comments. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Act of 1933 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event the company requests acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement, it should furnish a letter, at the time of such request, acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and

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• the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in connection with our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. We will act on the request and, pursuant to delegated authority, grant acceleration of the effective date.

We direct your attention to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requesting acceleration of a registration statement. Please allow adequate time after the filing of any amendment for further review before submitting a request for acceleration. Please provide this request at least two business days in advance of the requested effective date.

You may contact at Julie Sherman at (202) 551-3640 or Jay Webb, Reviewing Accountant, at (202) 551-3603 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Joseph McCann at (202) 551-6262 or me at (202) 551-3625 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Breslin Senior Attorney

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