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Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained in this filing that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All forward-looking statements included in this filing are based upon information available to Finisar Corporation (Finisar) as of the date hereof, and Finisar assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Examples of such risks include those associated with: the completion of Finisar's pending combination with Optium Corporation (Optium) and, if it is consummated, the operation of the combined company; the rapidly evolving markets for Finisar's products and uncertainty regarding the development of these markets; Finisar's historical dependence on sales to a limited number of customers and fluctuations in the mix of products and customers in any period; ongoing new product development and introduction of new and enhanced products; the challenges of rapid growth followed by periods of contraction; and intensive competition. Additional risks include the potential impact of regulatory review or civil litigation arising from the investigation of our historical option granting practices or the recent filing of restated financial information. Further information regarding these and other risks relating to Finisar's business is set forth in Finisar's Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Important Additional Information

In connection with the proposed combination of Finisar and Optium, Finisar plans to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and Optium plans to file with the SEC the same Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. The definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to the stockholders of Finisar and Optium after clearance with the SEC. Each company will also file with the SEC from time to time other documents relating to the proposed combination. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT IS FILED WITH THE SEC, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY EITHER FINISAR OR OPTIUM WITH THE SEC

RELATING TO THE PROPOSED COMBINATION WHEN THEY ARE FILED, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED COMBINATION.

Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Finisar or Optium may be obtained free of charge from the SEC website maintained at www.sec.gov. In addition, Finisar s SEC filings may be obtained free of charge from Finisar s website (www.Finisar.com) or by calling Finisar s Investor Relations department at 408-542-5050 and Optium s filings may be obtained free of charge from Optium s website (www.Optium.com) or by calling Optium s Investor Relations department at 267-803-3801.

Each of Finisar and Optium, and its respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from that company s respective stockholders in connection with the proposed combination. Information about the directors and executive officers of Finisar (including their respective ownership of Finisar shares) is contained in Finisar s annual meeting proxy statement filed with the SEC on February 21, 2008 and available free of charge in the manner described above. Information about the directors and executive officers of Optium (including their respective ownership of Optium shares) is contained in Optium s annual meeting proxy statement filed with the SEC on November 13, 2007 and available free of charge in the manner described above. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the proposed combination will be included in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospects and the other documents filed by each company with the SEC relating to the proposed combination (when filed).

Filed below is a press release issued by Finisar on June 30, 2008 regarding the filing of its Form 10-K report with final fiscal 2008 financial statements.

Exhibit 99.1

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Finisar Corporation Files Form 10-K Report with Final Fiscal 2008 Financial Statements

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (Market Wire) June 30, 2008 Finisar Corporation (Nasdaq: FNSR), a technology leader in gigabit fiber optic solutions for high-speed data networks, today announced that it has filed its annual report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended April 30, 2008 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Form 10-K includes the Company s final audited financial statements for the fiscal year.

The final audited financial statements include a non-cash impairment charge of \$40.1 million related to goodwill associated with the Company s network performance test systems reporting unit. The goodwill had been recorded in fiscal 2000 through fiscal 2006 in connection with acquisitions of several businesses whose operations were included in the network performance test systems reporting unit. This charge was not included in the Company s preliminary unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended April 30, 2008 which it announced in a press release dated June 12, 2008.

The impairment charge was made in accordance with Statement of Accounting Standards 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, which requires goodwill assets to be reviewed for impairment at least annually. If the carrying value of one of the Company s reporting units, including goodwill, exceeds the unit s fair value, a further analysis is required to be conducted to measure the amount, if any, of the impairment.

The Company performed its annual assessment of goodwill as of the first day of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. The assessment was completed in late June 2008, in connection with the closing of the Company s 2008 fiscal year and concluded that the carrying value of the network performance test systems reporting unit exceeded its fair value. This conclusion was based, among other things, on the assumed disposition of the Company s NetWisdom product line, which had been planned at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Accordingly, in late June 2008, the Company performed an additional analysis, as required by SAS 142, which indicated that an impairment loss was probable because the implied fair value of goodwill related to the network performance test systems reporting unit was zero. As a result, the Company recorded an estimated impairment charge of \$40.1 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. The net after tax effect of the non-cash charge was to increase the Company s net loss from \$36.4 million, or \$.12 per share, as previously reported, to \$76.4 million, or \$.25 per share. The Company will complete its determination of the implied fair value of the affected goodwill during the first quarter of fiscal 2009, which could result in a revision of the estimated charge.

In addition to reporting the Company s preliminary financial results, the June 12 press release reported preliminary gross profit, net income and EBITDA information on a non-GAAP basis

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that excludes certain gains, losses and charges of a non-cash nature or which occur relatively infrequently and which management considers to be outside the Company s core operating results. As noted in the June 12 press release, these adjustments include the elimination of impairment charges associated with intangible assets. Accordingly, the Company s non-GAAP gross profits, net income and EBITDA, as previously reported, were unaffected by the non-cash impairment charge. A revised reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the comparable GAAP results contained in the Form 10-K is attached to this press release.

ABOUT FINISAR

Finisar Corporation (NASDAQ: FNSR) is a global technology leader for fiber optic components and subsystems and network test and monitoring systems. These products enable high-speed voice, video and data communications for networking, storage and wireless applications over Local Area Networks (LANs), Storage Area Networks (SANs), and Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) using Ethernet, Fibre Channel, IP, SAS, SATA and SONET/SDH protocols. The Company is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, USA. More information can be found at www.finisar.com.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In connection with the proposed combination of Finisar and Optium announced on May 16, 2008, Finisar plans to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and Optium plans to file with the SEC the same Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. The definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to the stockholders of Finisar and Optium after clearance with the SEC. Each company will also file with the SEC from time to time other documents relating to the proposed combination. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT IS FILED WITH THE SEC, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY EITHER FINISAR OR OPTIUM WITH THE SEC RELATING TO THE PROPOSED COMBINATION WHEN THEY ARE FILED, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED COMBINATION.

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interests of such participants in the proposed combination will be included in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the other documents filed by each company with the SEC relating to the proposed combination (when filed).

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, Finisar provides supplemental information regarding the Company s operating performance on a non-GAAP basis that excludes certain gains, losses and charges of a non-cash nature or which occur relatively infrequently and which management considers to be outside our core operating results. Management believes that tracking non-GAAP gross profit and non-GAAP net income provides both management and the investment community with valuable insight into our current operations, our ability to generate cash and the underlying business trends which are affecting our performance. These non-GAAP measures exclude the ongoing impact of historical business decisions made in different business and economic environments and are used by both management and our Board of Directors, along with the comparable GAAP information, in evaluating our current performance and planning our future business activities. In particular, management finds it useful to exclude non-cash charges in order to better correlate our operating activities with our ability to generate cash from operations and to exclude non-recurring and infrequently incurred cash charges as a means of more accurately predicting our liquidity requirements. We believe that these non-GAAP measures, when used in conjunction with our GAAP financial information, also allow investors to better evaluate our financial performance in comparison to other periods and to other companies in our industry.

In calculating non-GAAP gross profits, we have excluded the following items from cost of revenues in applicable periods:

- Changes in excess and obsolete inventory reserve (predominantly non-cash charges or non-cash benefits);
- Amortization of acquired technology (non-cash charges related to technology obtained in acquisitions);
- Duplicative facility costs during facility move (non-recurring charges);
- Stock compensation expense (non-cash charges);
- Acquisition related compensation costs (non-recurring cash charges related to employee retention);
- Purchase accounting adjustment for sale of acquired inventory (non-cash and non-recurring charges); and
- Reduction in force costs (non-recurring charges);

In calculating non-GAAP net income, we have excluded the same items to the extent they are classified as operating expenses, and have also excluded the following items in applicable periods:

• Options investigation costs included in G&A expense (non-recurring cash charges related to the special investigation into our historical stock option granting practices) and the cost of covering employee and employer tax liabilities (non-recurring cash charges) arising from that investigation recorded in each line of the income statement;

- Amortization of purchased intangibles (non-cash charges related to prior acquisitions);
- Impairment charges associated with intangible assets (non-cash and non-recurring);
- Amortization of discount on convertible debt (non-cash charges);
- Loss on debt extinguishment (non-recurring and non-cash charge);
- Gains and losses on sales of assets (non-recurring or non-cash losses and cash gains related to the periodic disposal of assets no longer required for current activities);
- Gains and losses on minority investments (infrequently occurring and principally non-cash gains and losses related to the disposal of investments in other companies and non-cash income or loss from these investments accounted for under the equity method);
- Tax charges arising from timing difference related to asset purchases (non-cash provision); and
- Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (non-recurring and non-cash charges or income).

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A reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial information to the corresponding GAAP information is set forth below:

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Reconciliation of Results of Operations under GAAP and non-GAAP

	Three Montl	ns Ended	Twelve Months	Three Months Ended		
	April 30, 2008	April 30, 2007	April 30, 2008	April 30, 2007	January 27, 2008	
		(Unaudited,	In thousands, except per	r share data)		
Reconciliation of GAAP Gross						
Profit to non-GAAP Gross Profit:						
Gross profit per GAAP	39,809	31,209	141,518	142,274	37,616	
Gross margin, GAAP	39,809	32.3%	32.2%	34.0%	33.4%	
Adjustments:	32.970	52.5%	32.270	54.0%	55.4%	
Cost of revenues						
Change in excess and obsolete						
inventory reserve	3,021	2,570	9,375	8,841	1,587	
Amortization of acquired	5,021	2,570	9,375	0,041	1,507	
technology	1,314	1,466	6,501	6,002	1,729	
Duplicate facility costs during	1,314	1,400	0,501	0,002	1,729	
facility move	296	226	296	1,033		
Stock compensation	771	640	3,091	3,517	895	
Acquisition related compensation	27	0+0	67	5,517	40	
Costs related to options	21		07		+0	
investigation		(6)	1,084	143	1,084	
Purchase accounting adjustment		(0)	1,004	145	1,004	
for sale of acquired inventory		262	1,306	262		
Reduction in force costs	9	202	346	202	145	
Total cost of revenue adjustments	5,438	5,158	22,066	19,798	5,480	
Gross profit, non-GAAP	45,247	36,367	163,584	162,072	43,096	
Gross margin, non-GAAP	37.4%	37.6%	37.2%	38.7%	38.2%	
Stoss margin, non Statu	37.170	51.070	37.270	50.170	50.270	
Reconciliation of GAAP net						
income (loss) to non-GAAP net						
income (loss):						
Net loss per GAAP	(48,706)	(15,973)	(76,434)	(45,399)	(10,637)	
Total cost of revenue adjustments	5,438	5,158	22,066	19,798	5,480	
Research and development	2,123	-,	,	,	-,	
Reduction in force costs	12		40			
Stock compensation	1,139	784	4,377	4,014	1,247	
Acquisition related compensation	499		1,247	,-	748	
Costs related to options			, .			
investigation		(6)	1,648	132	1,648	
Sales and marketing			,	-	,	
Reduction in force costs	87		170	90	49	
Stock compensation	482	414	2,048	1,911	673	
Acquisition related compensation	85		213	,	128	
Costs related to options						
investigation		(6)	742	31	742	
General and administrative						
Reduction in force costs			6	12		
Stock compensation	586	559	2,048	2,379	481	
Acquisition related compensation	110		274	164		
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Costs related to options		507		4 090		9.760		5.608		2.0(1
investigation Amortization of purchased		507		4,089		8,769		5,008		3,961
intangibles		280		277		1,748		1,814		488
Acquired in-process R&D		280				1,748				400
		45 422		5,770		45 422		5,770		
Impairment of intangible assets		45,433				45,433				
Amortization of discount on		1.000		1 222		4.0.40		4 701		1.052
convertible debt		1,236		1,223		4,942		4,791		1,253
Loss on debt extinguishment		74				74		31,606		
Other expense, net										
Gain on sale of assets		(61)		(580)		(519)		(309)		(99)
Loss (gain) on minority										
investments		1,355				1,149		237		(22)
Other misc income		(650)				(977)				(327)
Provision for income tax										
Timing difference related to asset										
purchases		(27)		544		1,755		3,640		694
Cumulative Effect										
Cumulative effect of change in										
accounting principle								(1,213)		
Total adjustments		56,585		18,226		97,253		80,311		17,308
Net income, non-GAAP	\$	7,879	\$	2,253	\$	20,819	\$	34,912	\$	6,671
Net income, non-GAAP per										
share - basic	\$	0.03	\$	0.01	\$	0.07	\$	0.11	\$	0.02
Net income, non-GAAP per										
share - diluted	\$	0.03	\$	0.01	\$	0.07	\$	0.11	\$	0.02
Shares used in computing										
non-GAAP net income per share										
- basic		308,786		308,623		308,680		307,814		308,663
Shares used in computing		500,700		300,023		500,000		507,011		500,005
non-GAAP net income per share										
- diluted		310,129		327,108		318,949		327,300		312,097
		510,127		527,100		510,747		527,500		512,077
Non-GAAP EBITDA										
Net income, non-GAAP	\$	7,879	\$	2,253	\$	20,819	\$	34,912	\$	6,671
Depreciation expense	ψ	6,257	ψ	5,760	ψ	24,121	ψ	23.816	ψ	6,180
Amortization expense		640		544		24,121		1,846		610
•		1,752		1,047		,		5,048		
Interest expense		,		,		6,488		,		1,537
Income tax expense	¢	177	¢	236	¢	478	¢	(830)	¢	113
Non-GAAP EBITDA	\$	16,705	\$	9,840	\$	54,256	\$	64,792	\$	15,111