

SILICOM LTD.
Form S-8
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Silicom Ltd.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter and as translated into English)

Israel
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

Not Applicable
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8 Hanagar St., P.O.Box 2164
Kfar-Sava 4442537, Israel.
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Global Share Incentive Plan (2013)
(Full Title of Plans)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer
Non-Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer
Smaller Reporting Company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered (1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2) | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.01 per share | 500,000 (3) | \$ 42.65 | \$ 21,325,000 | \$ 2,746.66 |

(1) This registration statement shall also cover any additional Ordinary Shares which may become issuable under the Global Share Incentive Plan (2013), as amended, by reason of any share dividend, share split, recapitalization, or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of outstanding Ordinary Shares of the Registrant.

(2) The proposed maximum offering price per share as to shares authorized for issuance pursuant to future awards solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(h)(1) and Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), based on the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant's Ordinary Shares on the Nasdaq Global Market on December 20, 2013.

(3) Represents Ordinary Shares that may be issued pursuant to future awards under the Global Share Incentive Plan (2013), as amended.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Silicom Ltd. (the “Registrant” or the “Company”) has prepared this Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), for the purposes of registering 500,000 Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.01 per share, of the Registrant, issuable pursuant to the Registrant’s Global Share Incentive Plan (2013), and as may be amended (the “Plan”). These 500,000 Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 0.01 each, have become authorized for issuance under the Plan in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Registrant adopted in their meeting held October 21, 2013.

THE COMPANY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SECURITIES AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AN EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE PREVAILING LAWS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFERING OF ANY SECURITIES OF THE REGISTRANT ISSUABLE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, AND DESCRIBED IN THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND RELATED PROSPECTUS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF SUCH EXEMPTION, THE COMPANY WILL PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH PERSON IN ISRAEL TO WHOM A COPY OF THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT IS DELIVERED, UPON THE ORAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST OF SUCH PERSON, A HEBREW TRANSLATION OF THIS FORM S-8 AND OF THE PLAN. NOTHING IN SUCH EXEMPTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS AUTHENTICATING THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND RELATED PROSPECTUS OR AS AN APPROVAL OF THEIR RELIABILITY OR ADEQUACY OR AS AN EXPRESSION OF OPINION AS TO THE QUALITY OF THE SECURITIES OFFERED HEREBY.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this Registration Statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) by the Registrant, Silicom Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel (the “Company”), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), are incorporated by reference in this registration statement:

- Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2012 (filed on March 21, 2013).
- The description of the Registrant’s Ordinary Shares contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form F-1, File No. 33-73662 (filed on December 30, 1993), as amended, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all shares offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. We may also incorporate any Form 6-K, in whole or in part, subsequently submitted by us to the Commission prior to the termination of the offering by identifying in such Forms 6-K that they, or parts therein, are being incorporated by reference herein, and any Forms 6-K, or parts thereof, so identified shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Israeli Companies Law-1999, or the Companies Law, provides that a company may include in its articles of association provisions allowing it to:

1. partially or fully, exempt in advance, an office holder of the company from his responsibility for damages caused by the breach of his duty of care to the company, except for damages caused to the company due to any breach of such office holder's duty of care towards the company in a "distribution" (as defined in the Companies Law).
2. enter into a contract to insure the liability of an office holder of the company by reason of acts or omissions committed in his capacity as an office holder of the company with respect to the following:

- (a) the breach of his duty of care to the company or any other person;

(b) the breach of his fiduciary duty to the company to the extent he acted in good faith and had a reasonable basis to believe that the act or omission would not prejudice the interests of the company; and

(c) monetary liabilities or obligations which may be imposed upon him in favor of other persons.

3. indemnify an office holder of the company for:

(a) monetary liabilities or obligations imposed upon, or actually incurred by, such officer holder in favor of other persons pursuant to a court judgment, including a compromise judgment or an arbitrator's decision approved by a court, by reason of acts or omissions of such officer holder in his or her capacity as an office holder of the company;

(b) reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually incurred by such office holder due to an investigation or a proceeding instituted against such office holder by an authority competent to administrate such an investigation or proceeding, and that was finalized without the filing of an indictment against such office holder and without any financial obligation imposed on such office holder in lieu of criminal proceedings, or that was finalized without the filing of an indictment against such office holder but with financial obligation imposed on such office holder in lieu of criminal proceedings of a crime which does not require proof of criminal intent, in each case by reason of acts of such officer holder in his or her capacity as an office holder of the company; and

(c) reasonable litigation expenses, including attorney's fees, actually incurred by such office holder or imposed upon him or her by a court, in an action, suit or proceeding brought against him or her by or on behalf of us or by other persons, or in connection with a criminal action from which he or she was acquitted, or in connection with a criminal action which does not require criminal intent in which he was convicted, in each case by reason of acts or omissions of such officer holder in his or her capacity as an office holder.

The Companies Law provides that a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of an office holder post-factum and may also provide that a company may undertake to indemnify an office holder in advance, as described in:

i. sub-section 3(a) above, provided such undertaking is limited to and actually sets forth the types of occurrences, which, in the opinion of the company's board of directors based on the current activity of the company, are, at the time such undertaking is provided, foreseeable, and to an amount and degree that the board of directors has determined is reasonable for such indemnification under the circumstances; and

ii. sub-sections 3(b) and 3(c) above.

The Companies Law provides that a company may not indemnify or exempt the liabilities of an office holder or enter into an insurance contract which would provide coverage for the liability of an office holder with respect to the following:

- o a breach of his fiduciary duty, except to the extent described above;
- o a breach of his duty of care, if such breach was done intentionally, recklessly or with disregard of the circumstances of the breach or its consequences, but excluding a breach due to negligence only;
 - o an act or omission done with the intent to unlawfully realize personal gain; or
 - o a fine or monetary settlement imposed upon him.

Under the Companies Law, the term “office holder” means a director, managing director, general manager, chief executive officer, executive vice president, vice president, other managers directly subordinate to the managing director and any other person fulfilling or assuming any such position or responsibility without regard to such person’s title.

The Israeli Securities Law- 1968 (the “Israeli Securities Law”), provides that a company cannot obtain insurance against or indemnify a third party (including its officers and/or employees) for any administrative procedure conducted by the Israeli Securities Authority and/or monetary fine (other than for certain legal expenses and payments of damages to an injured party). The Israeli Securities Law permits insurance coverage and/or indemnification for certain liabilities incurred in connection with an administrative procedure, such as reasonable legal fees and certain compensation payable to injured parties for damages suffered by them, provided that such insurance and/or indemnification is permitted under the company's articles of association.

The grant of an exemption, an undertaking to indemnify or indemnification of, and procurement of insurance coverage for, an office holder of a company requires, pursuant to the Companies Law, the approval of our compensation committee and board of directors, and, in certain circumstances, the approval of our shareholders.

Our Amended and Restated Articles of Association currently in effect, as well as the Executive Compensation Policy of the Company which was approved by our shareholders on July 31, 2013 as required pursuant to the Companies Law, allow us to indemnify and insure our office holders to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Law and the Israeli Securities Law. We have entered into agreements with our office holders according to which we have undertaken to indemnify them to such extent. The form of such agreement is attached as Appendix A to the Proxy Statement included as Exhibit 2 to the Form 6-K filed by the Company with the SEC on March 1, 2012. We have never had the occasion to indemnify any of our office holders and are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or proceeding involving any our office holders in which indemnification is sought. We also maintain a directors and officers insurance policy.

Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Association, filed as an Exhibit to our registration statement on Form S-8, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 11, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 4.2 | Amendment to Articles of Association of the Registrant, incorporated by reference to Proposal 5 found in Exhibit 2 to the Form 6-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2012, and incorporated herein by reference. |
| 4.3 | Silicom Ltd. - Global Share Incentive Plan (2013) |
| 4.4 | Appendix - Israeli Taxpayers/Global Share Incentive Plan (2013). |
| 4.5 | Appendix – U.S. Taxpayers/Global Share Incentive Plan (2013). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Yigal Arnon & Co. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Yigal Arnon & Co. (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1). |
| 23.2 | Consent of Somekh Chaikin, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (set forth on signature page). |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment hereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual reports pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in such Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8, and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Kfar-Sava, Israel on the 23rd day of December, 2013.

SILICOM LTD.

By: /s/ Shaike Orbach
 Shaike Orbach
 Director, President and Chief
 Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, each director and officer whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints, Shaike Orbach, Avi Eizenman, Eran Gilad or any of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, to sign in any and all capacities any and all amendments or post-effective amendments to this registration statement on Form S-8 and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith with the Securities Exchange Commission, granting such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do all such other acts and execute all such other documents as they, or any of them, may deem necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing, as fully as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in their respective capacities and on the respective dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| /s/ Avi Eizenman Avi Eizenman | Chairman of the Board | December 23, 2013 |
| /s/ Shaike Orbach Shaike Orbach | Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | December 23, 2013 |
| /s/ Eran Gilad Eran Gilad | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | December 23, 2013 |
| /s/ Zohar Zisapel Zohar Zisapel | Director | December 23, 2013 |
| /s/ Ilan Erez Ilan Erez | Director | December 23, 2013 |
| /s/ Ayelet Aya Hayak | | |

Ayelet Aya Hayak

Director

December 23, 2013

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES
Silicom Connectivity Solutions, Inc.

By: /s/ Avi Eizenman
Avi Eizenman
December 23, 2013

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