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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

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Annual report pursuant to section 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

Transition report pursuant to section 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number 0-121

A. Full title of the Plan:

KULICKE & SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc.
2101 Blair Mill Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
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December 31, 2000 and 2001

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- * Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Participants and Administrator of
Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. Incentive Savings Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. Incentive Savings Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Philadelphia, PA
June 21, 2002

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KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2000 and 2001

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	December 31,	
	2000	2001
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Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Equity funds	\$33,076,491	\$26,858,780
Fixed income funds	2,549,402	3,054,304
Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. common stock	8,470,193	14,657,298
Money market funds	2,164,703	3,944,113
Participant loans	945,698	934,727
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Total investments	47,206,487	49,449,222
Due from broker for securities sold	--	356
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Total assets	47,206,487	49,449,578
Accounts payable	3,153	--
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Net assets available for benefits	\$47,203,334	\$49,449,578
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 2001

	2000	2001
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Additions:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 433,892	\$ 523,812
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(8,287,985)	(294,881)
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	(7,854,093)	228,931
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Contributions:		
Employer	2,173,194	2,019,824
Employee	4,841,637	3,828,966
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	7,014,831	5,848,790
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Transfer in from Semitec Plan (Note 8)	--	619,128
Total additions	(839,262)	6,696,849
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Deductions:		

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Benefit payments	3,491,330	4,450,605
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Total deductions	3,491,330	4,450,605
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Net increase (decrease)	(4,330,592)	2,246,244
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	51,533,926	47,203,334
End of year	-----	-----
	\$ 47,203,334	\$ 49,449,578
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KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2000 and 2001

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc. (the "Company") Incentive Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The plan is a defined contribution plan established on January 1, 1987 and most recently amended on October 1, 2001. Employees become eligible to participate upon attaining the age of 18. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants may contribute an amount up to 14% of their compensation, on a before-tax or after-tax basis, for the contribution period subject to IRS limitations. Effective January 1, 2001, the Company began making a matching contribution, on participant before-tax contributions up to 6% of compensation, in an amount equal to 50% for employees with less than fifteen years of service and 100% for employees with fifteen or more years of service. Prior to January 1, 2001, the Company made matching contributions on participant before-tax contributions of up to 6% of compensation, in an amount equal to 30% for employees with less than five years of service, 50% for employees with at least five years of service but less than fifteen and 100% for employees with fifteen or more years of service. Grandfathered matching contributions are additional matching contributions made to participants who had attained the age of 40 on or before December 31, 1995. The additional matching percentage allocated is 25% for participants ages 40-44, 50% for participants ages 45-54 and 75% for participants ages 55 or older.

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Also, upon beginning participation in the Plan, prior to October 2, 2001, the Company made a one time \$500 initial ("Jump Start") contribution for participants. This Jump-Start contribution was discontinued for employees who first became a participant in the plan on or after October 2, 2001.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Earnings are allocated by fund based on the ratio of a participant's account invested in a particular fund to all participants' investments in that fund. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

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VESTING

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. The balance of vesting in the participants' accounts is based on years of service. A participant becomes 33 1/3% vested after 2 years of service, 66 2/3% vested after 3 years of service, 100% vested after 4 years of service. However, if an active participant dies prior to attaining the normal retirement age, the participant's account becomes 100% vested.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

On termination of service, a participant will receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account. Distributions are subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan agreement.

CHANGE OF TRUSTEE AND RECORDKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Company replaced Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Trust FSB as the Plan Trustee effective September 30, 2001 with Fidelity Management Trust Company as the Plan Trustee effective October 1, 2001. The recordkeeping responsibilities were changed effective October 1, 2001 to Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could

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differ from those estimates.

BENEFITS

Benefits are recorded as expenses when they have been paid by the Plan.

VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, which has been determined using quoted market prices for these investments on the last trading day of the Plan year. Participant loans are valued at cost, which approximates fair value. Purchases and sales are recorded

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on a trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest is accrued when earned.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments that represent 5 % or more of the Plan's net assets are separately identified at their fair values below.

	December 31,	
	2000	2001
Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc. common stock	\$ 8,470,193	\$14,657,298
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter American Opportunities Fund	16,495,685	--
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Information Fund	3,282,072	--
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter S&P 500 Index Fund	5,021,932	--
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Government Securities Trust	2,549,402	--
Van Kampen Emerging Growth Fund A	2,558,013	--
Fidelity Ginnie Mae Fund	--	2,972,490
Fidelity Growth Company Fund	--	13,736,509
Retirement Money Market Portfolio	--	3,944,113
Spartan U.S. Equity Index Fund	--	4,482,223

The change in net depreciation in fair value of investments for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 2001 by class of investment is comprised of the following:

	December 31,	
	2000	2001
Equity funds	\$(3,835,496)	\$(5,589,739)
Fixed income funds	91,816	17,874
Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. common stock	(4,544,305)	5,276,984

\$ (8,287,985)	\$ (294,881)
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4. PARTICIPANT LOANS

Under the terms of the Plan, participants may borrow from their accounts up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to/from the investment fund from/to Participant Loan fund. A loan is collateralized by the balance in the participant's vested accrued benefit and bears interest at a rate commensurate with market rates for similar loans, as defined (9.25% for the year ended December 31, 2000 and ranging from 4.80% to 10.50% for loans issued in the year ended December 31, 2001). Participants are permitted to have up to two loans outstanding at any time.

5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 % vested in their accounts.

6. INCOME TAXES

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 5, 1997, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The determination letter does not include recent amendments. However, the Company believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements. The Company has submitted a request for a new determination letter with the IRS on February 28, 2002; however, a response has not been received.

7. FORFEITURES

Employer contributions forfeited remain in the Plan and are available to offset future employer contributions or to pay Plan expenses. The forfeiture balance was \$74,765 and \$48,616 at December 31, 2000 and 2001, respectively. During the Plan year ended December 31, 2001, \$178,240 was used from the forfeiture account.

8. PLAN MERGER

Effective January 1, 2001, the plan covering the employees of Semitec, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company was merged with and into the Plan. Approximately 150 participants and their assets, amounting to approximately \$619,000 were transferred into the Plan.

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9. RELATED PARTIES

Certain Plan assets were shares of mutual funds managed by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Trust FSB and Fidelity Management Trust Company. Morgan Stanley was the trustee of the Plan through September 30, 2001. Fidelity was the trustee of the Plan from October 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Additionally, the Plan sponsor issues the shares of Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. Common Stock. Therefore, transactions in these investments qualified as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective January 1, 2002, the plans covering the employees of Cerprobe, Probe Tech and Flip Chip, now wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company were merged with and into the Plan. Approximately 2050 participants and their assets, amounting to approximately \$8.3 million were transferred into the Plan.

KULICKE AND SOFFA INDUSTRIES, INC. INCENTIVE SAVINGS PLAN
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
 December 31, 2001

Identity of Issue, Borrower, lessor, or Similar party	Description of Investment including maturity date, rate of interest collateral, par or maturity value	Current Value
* Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc.	Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 14,6
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Growth Companies Fund	13,7
* Fidelity Investments	Spartan US Equity Index Fund	4,4
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Retirement Money Market Fund	3,9
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Ginnie Mae Fund	2,9
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Puritan Fund	2,0
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Select Technology Fund	1,8
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Equity Income Fund	1,7
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Select Healthcare Fund	1,1
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Mid-Cap Stock Fund	8
* Fidelity Investments	Janus Advisers Worldwide Fund	8
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Low Price Stock Fund	1
* Fidelity Investments	Pimco Total Return Fund	
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Small Cap Stock Fund	
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Dividend Growth Fund	
* Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Diversified International Fund	
* Participant Loans	4.80% - 10.50%	9

* Party-in-interest

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan's Administrator has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc.
Incentive Savings Plan

Date: June 28, 2002

By: /S/ CLIFFORD G. SPRAGUE

Clifford G. Sprague
Senior Vice President
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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