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The 2nd generation of Asus-made, Google-branded Nexus 7 tablets will hit the market on July 2013 Reuters reports, with the search giant aiming to ship as many as 8 million tablets from H2 2013.



The anonymous sources claim the tablet sees a change of innards-- an unnamed Qualcomm CPU (possibly the APQ8064 S4 Pro) replaces the Tegra 3 inside the first Nexus 7, as mentioned in <u>earlier Nvidia-related rumours</u>. Reportedly the Qualcomm option offers both power and cost savings, providing a fully pin-compatible platform interface complete with both processors and 3G/4G radios.

Further details on the Google tablet are slim, other than mentions of higher display resolution, thinner bezel and lower (\$149) pricing.

The original Nexus 7 launched to both critical and commercial acclaim on July 2012. According to Asus sales reached close to 1 million per month by October 2012, contributing nicely to the mobile maker's Q3 2012 results. Therefore it comes as no surprise the two companies are already gunning for a sequel.

Go Google to Sell 2nd-Gen Nexus 7 Tablet from July: Sources (Reuters)