METHODE ELECTRONICS INC Form SC 13E3/A June 04, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13E-3

Rule 13E-3 Transaction Statement

Under Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)

Methode Electronics, Inc.

(Name of the Issuer)

Methode Electronics, Inc.

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Class B Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share, and related Preferred Share Purchase Rights

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Donald W. Duda President Methode Electronics, Inc. 7401 West Wilson Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60706-4548 (708) 867-6777

(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of the persons filing statement)

With a copy to: James W. Ashley, Jr. Lord, Bissell & Brook 115 South LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603 (312) 443-0700

This statement is filed in connection with (check the appropriate box):

- a. ý The filing of solicitation materials or an information statement subject to Regulation 14A (§§240.14a-1 through 240.14b-2), Regulation 14C (§§240.14c-1 through 240.14c-101) or Rule 13e-3 (c) (§§240.13e-3(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Act").
- b. o The filing of a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.
- c. o A tender offer.

d. o None of the above.

Check the following box if the soliciting materials or information statement referred to in checking box (a) are preliminary copies: ý

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the transaction: o

Calculation of Filing Fee

	Transaction valua	tion*	Amo	Amount of filing fee					
	\$21,746,340			\$1,760					
*	Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only, this amount is based on the purchase of 1,087,317 shares of Class B Common Stock at the tender offer of \$20.00 per share. The amount of the filing fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Act.								
ý	Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by §240.0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.								
	Amount Previously Paid:	\$1,760	Filing Party:	Methode Electronics, Inc.					
	Form or Registration No.:	SCH 13E-3	Date Filed:	March 18, 2003					

Introduction

This Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 (the "Schedule") is being filed by Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and relates to the making of a tender offer by the Company to purchase all of the outstanding shares of our Class B common stock at a price of \$20.00 per share in cash on the terms and conditions provided for in an Agreement dated August 19, 2002, as amended December 26, 2002 (the "Agreement") by and among the Company; Marital Trust No. 1 and Marital Trust No. 2, each created under the William J. McGinley Trust (collectively, the "Trusts"); and Jane R. McGinley; Margaret J. McGinley; James W. McGinley and Robert R. McGinley (collectively, the "McGinley family members"). The making of such tender offer is referred to herein as the "Offer."

A preliminary proxy statement (the "Proxy Statement") under Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), relating to a special meeting of eligible holders of our Class A common stock to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the offer is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission concurrently herewith. If the Offer is approved at the special meeting and the Company commences the Offer, the Company will file with the SEC a tender offer statement on Schedule TO under Regulation 14D of the Exchange Act.

The following cross reference sheet indicates the location in the Proxy Statement of items required by Schedule 13E-3 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1. Summary Term Sheet

The information set forth under "Summary Term Sheet" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Subject Company Information

- (a) Name and Address. The information on page 1 of the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Securities. The information set forth under "The Special Meeting Record Date; Shares Outstanding" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

- (c) Trading Market and Price. The information set forth under "Market Price Data; Dividends" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d)

 Dividends. The information set forth under "Market Price Data; Dividends" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) *Prior Public Offerings.* Not applicable.
- (f) Prior Stock Purchases. Not applicable.

Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person

- (a)

 Name and Address. The Company is also the filing person. The information on page 1 of the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth under "Executive Officers and Directors" Background" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b)

 Business and Background of Entities. The information set forth under "Summary Term Sheet" and "Introduction" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

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(c)

Business and Background of Natural Persons. The information set forth under "Executive Officers and Directors" Background" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction

- (a) *Material Terms*. The information under "Summary Term Sheet" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Different Terms. The information set forth under "Summary Term Sheet" and "The Special Meeting" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d)

 Appraisal Rights. The information under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Provisions for Unaffiliated Security Holders. The information under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) Eligibility for Listing or Trading. Not applicable.

Item 5. Past Contracts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements

(a) Transactions. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Tax Treatment"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer IRS Private Letter Ruling and Other Regulatory Matters"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Interests of Certain Persons"; and "Executive Officers and

Directors Employment Agreements" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

- (b)

 Significant Corporate Events. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Tax Treatment"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer IRS Private Letter Ruling and Other Regulatory Matters"; and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Interests of Certain Persons" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c)

 Negotiations or Contacts. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Tax Treatment"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer IRS Private Letter Ruling and Other Regulatory Matters"; and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Interests of Certain Persons" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Tax Treatment"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer IRS Private Letter Ruling and Other Regulatory Matters"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Interests of Certain Persons"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Litigation Relating to the Agreement and the Offer"; and "Market Price Data; Dividends" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals

- (b) Use of Securities Acquired. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Effects of the Offer" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c)

 Plans. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Comparison of Stockholder Rights" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Effects of the Offer" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Purposes, Alternatives, Reasons and Effects

- (a)

 Purposes of the Offer. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Recommendation of the Special Committee to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders"; and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Reasons for the Special Committee's Approval of the Offer and the Special Committee's Recommendation to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Alternatives. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- Reasons. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer Recommendation of the Special Committee to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders"; and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Reasons for the Special Committee's Approval of the Offer and the Special Committee's Recommendation to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) *Effects*. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Effects of the Offer" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. Fairness of the Transaction

- (a) Fairness. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Factors Considered in Determining Fairness. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c)

 Approval of Security Holders. The information set forth under "The Special Meeting Quorum; Votes Required"; "Proposal to Approve the Offer The Agreement" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

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- (d)

 Unaffiliated Representative. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e)

 Approval of Directors. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Recommendation of the Special Committee to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) Other Offers. Not Applicable

Item 9. Reports, Opinions, Appraisals and Negotiations

- (a) Report, Opinion, or Appraisal. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer" and a "Proposal to Approve the Offer Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b)

 *Preparer and Summary of the Report, Opinion, or Appraisal. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Background of the Offer," "Proposal to Approve the Offer Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Forecasts" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Availability of Documents. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Opinion of the Financial Advisor to the Special Committee" in the Proxy Statement and Annexes B and C to the Proxy Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Source and Amounts of Funds or Other Consideration

- (a) Source of Funds. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Source and Amount of Funds" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) *Conditions.* The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Source and Amount of Funds" is incorporated herein by reference.

(c)

Expenses. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Fees and Expenses" is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Borrowed Funds.* Not applicable.

Item 11. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company

- (a) Securities Ownership. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Security Ownership of Five Percent Stockholders" and "Executive Officers and Directors Security Ownership" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Securities Transactions. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Executive Officers and Directors Security Ownership" is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 12. The Solicitation or Recommendation

- (d)

 Intent to Tender or Vote in a Going Private Transaction. The information set forth in the Proxy Statement under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Interests of Certain Persons" is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Recommendations of Others. The information set forth under "Proposal to Approve the Offer Recommendation of the Special Committee to the Eligible Class A Common Stockholders" and "Proposal to Approve the Offer Our Board of Directors' Determination as to the Fairness of the Offer to the Unaffiliated Class B Common Stockholders" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Financial Statements

- (a) Financial Information. The information contained in Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2002, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended January 31, 2003 and the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) *Pro Forma Information.* The information is set forth in attached Annex A.

Item 14. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used

- (a) Solicitations or Recommendations. The information set forth under "The Special Meeting Proxy Solicitation and Expenses" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) *Employees and Corporate Assets.* The information set forth under "The Special Meeting Proxy Solicitation and Expenses" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 15. Additional Information

(b) Other Material Information. The information set forth under "Additional Information" in the Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 16. Exhibits

16(a)(1)	Tender Offer Materials. Not Applicable.
16(a)(2)	Solicitation or Recommendation. Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 4, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.)
16(a)(3)	Going Private Disclosure Document. Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 4, 2003 (incorporated herein by reference to the Proxy Statement.)
16(a)(4)	Prospectus. Not Applicable
16(a)(5)	Other Disclosure Materials. Not Applicable
16(b)	Loan Agreement. Not Applicable
16(c)(1)	Reports, Opinions and Appraisals. Opinions of TM Capital (incorporated herein by reference to Annexes B and C to the Proxy Statement).
16(c)(2)(i)	Materials prepared by TM Capital and presented to the Special Committee on March 14, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (c)(2)(i) to Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 1, 2003).
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16(c)(2)(ii)	Materials prepared by TM Capital and presented to the Special Committee on August 19, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 16(c)(2)(ii) to Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003).
16(c)(2)(iii)	Discussion Materials prepared by Robert W. Baird & Co. and presented to Methode's management on January 24, 2002.
16(d)(1)	Certain Agreements. Agreement dated August 19, 2002 by and among Methode and Marital Trust No. 1 and Marital Trust No. 2, each created under the William J. McGinley Trust, Jane R. McGinley, Margaret J. McGinley, James W. McGinley and Robert J. McGinley and amendment dated December 26, 2002 (incorporated herein by reference to Annex A to the Proxy Statement).
16(d)(2)	Memorandum of Understanding In re Methode Electronics, Inc. Shareholders Litigation, Civil Action No. 19899 (incorporated herein by reference to Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2003).
16(f)	Appraisal Rights. Not Applicable
16(g)	Materials Used to Solicit. Not Applicable
99(a)	Charter. Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Methode Electronics, Inc., as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99(a) to Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16 2003).
99(b)	<i>Bylaws</i> . Bylaws of Methode Electronics, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99(b) to Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003).
99(c)	Certificate of Elimination. Certificate of Elimination of 4% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A of Methode Electronics, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99(c) to Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003).
99(d)	Certificate of Designation. Certificate of Designation of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Methode Electronics, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99(d) to Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13E-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003).

ANNEX A

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

January 31, 2003

		As Reported		Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma	
		(in the	usano	ds, except per share dat	a)	
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	61,139	\$	(16,566)(a)\$	44,573	
Accounts receivable net	-	53,796	_	(==,===)(=) +	53,796	
Inventories:		,			,	
Finished products		8,551			8,551	
Work in process		20,021			20,021	
Materials		7,532			7,532	
	_	7,332			7,332	
		36,104			36,104	
Current deferred income taxes		7,530			7,530	
Prepaid expenses		3,591			3,591	
1 1		3,371			3,371	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		162,160		(16,566)	145,594	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		102,100		(10,500)	143,394	
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		225,113			225,113	
Less allowance for depreciation		147,102			147,102	
	_			_		
		78,011			78,011	
GOODWILL net		19,474			19,474	
INTANGIBLE ASSETS net OTHER ASSETS		25,035		(6 504)(b)	25,035	
OTHER ASSETS		23,966		(6,584)(b)	17,382	
	\$	308,646	\$	(22.150)	205 406	
	Ф	308,040	Ф	(23,150) \$	285,496	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
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CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts and notes payable	\$	21,095		\$	21,095	
Other current liabilities		26,422			26,422	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		47,517			47,517	
OTHER LIABILITIES		7,213			7,213	
DEFERRED COMPENSATION		4,612			4,612	

	_	As Reported		Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Common Stock		18,307			18,	307
Paid in capital		36,480			36,	480
Retained earnings		197,000	\$	(1,404)(c)	195,	596
Other shareholders' equity		(2,483)		(21,746)(d)	(24,	229)
	•	249,304		(23,150)	226,	154
	\$	308,646	\$	(23,150)	\$ 285,	496
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Book value per share	\$	6.89		9	\$ 6	5.44
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METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED PROFORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended April 30, 2002							Nine Months Ended January 31, 2003					
	R	As Reported	Pro Fo Adjusti		Pro Forma		As Reported		Pro Forma Adjustments			Pro Forma	
INCOME:		_				_						_	
Net sales	\$	319,660			\$	319,660	\$	268,925			\$	268,925	
Other		1,937				1,937		790				790	
	_				_		_				_		
Total		321,597				321,597		269,715				269,715	
COSTS AND EXPENSES:													
Cost of products sold		267,574				267,574		213,214				213,214	
Selling and administrative expenses		53,769				53,769		32,632				32,632	
Total		321,343				321,343		245,846				245,846	
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Income from operations		254				254		23,869				23,869	
Interest net		1,225		(330)(e	.)	895		864		(257)(e	3	607	
Other net		1,126		(330)(0	·)	1,126		(2,216)		(237)(0	.)	(2,216)	
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Income before income taxes		2,605		(330)		2,275		22,517		(257)		22,260	
Income taxes (credit)		(1,200)		(131)(f)	(1,331)		7,300		(101)(f)	7,199	
	\$	3,805	\$	(199)	\$	3,606	\$	15,217	\$	(156)	\$	15,061	

	Year Ended April 30, 2002				Nine Month	s Ended January	31, 200)3	
Basic and diluted net income per common share:	\$	0.11		\$	0.10	\$ 0.42		\$	0.43
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:									
Basic		35,897	(1,087)		34,810	36,162	(1,087)		35,075
Diluted		36,100	(1,087)	A-3	35,013	36,407	(1,087)		35,320

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The pro forma adjustments to the unaudited pro forma condensed financial statements include adjustments for the purchase of all of the outstanding shares of Class B common stock, payment of a special dividend on Class A common stock and the repayment of principal and interest on the note receivable from Horizon Farms, Inc.

(a) Represents the following cash transactions:

	(in t	housands)
Purchase of 1,087,305 shares of Class B at \$20 per share	\$	21,746
Payment of \$0.04 special dividend on 35,104,421 Class A shares		1,404
Collection of principal and interest of Horizon Farm, Inc. note		(6,584)
	\$	16,566

- (b) Represents the collection of principal and interest of Horizon Farm, Inc. note.
- (c) Represents the payment of \$0.04 special dividend on 35,104,421 Class A shares.
- (d) Represents the purchase of 1,087,305 shares of Class B at \$20 per share.
- (e) Represents the interest earned on the Horizon Farm, Inc. note during the period.
- (f)

 Represents income taxes on the interest earned on the Horizon Farm, Inc. note during the period.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.

June 4, 2003

By: /s/ DONALD W. DUDA

Donald W. Duda *President*

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METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SIGNATURE