

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC
Form SC TO-C
June 30, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 13e-4)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.

(Name Of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

Options to Purchase Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

285512109

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (Underlying Common Stock))

Stephen G. Bené

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Electronic Arts Inc.

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(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices

and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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Not applicable

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- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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Explanatory Note

On June 19, 2006, the Board of Directors of Electronic Arts Inc. (the Company) authorized, subject to stockholder approval, a voluntary program that will permit eligible employees to exchange certain outstanding stock options that are significantly underwater for a lesser number of shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units (the Exchange Program). Earlier today, the Exchange Program was submitted by the Company to its stockholders for their approval at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, which will be held on July 27, 2006.

On June 30, 2006, Gabrielle Toledano, the Company's Senior Vice President, Human Resources, sent an email to holders of eligible options announcing that the Exchange Program had been submitted to stockholders for approval. The text of this email is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Upon commencement of the Exchange Program, the Company will provide option holders who are eligible to participate in the exchange with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the Exchange Program. The Company will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) as part of a tender offer statement. **EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ARE URGED TO READ THESE WRITTEN MATERIALS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.** The Company's stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials, and other documents that will be filed by the Company with respect to the Exchange Offer, free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the Company's stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of documents filed by the Company with the SEC at <http://investor.ea.com>, or by directing a request to Electronic Arts Inc., 209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, California 94065, attention: Investor Relations, telephone: (650) 628-7352.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

- 99.1 Text of an email from Gabrielle Toledano to holders of eligible options regarding the proposed Exchange Program, as transmitted on June 30, 2006.

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.

ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.

By /s/ Stephen G. Bené
Stephen G. Bené
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

Dated: June 30, 2006

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