

ALTAIR NANOTECHNOLOGIES INC
Form SC TO-C
October 20, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 14d-100)

Tender Offer Statement Under
Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Altair Nanotechnologies Inc.

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

COMMON SHARES, WITHOUT PAR VALUE
(Title of Class of Securities)

021373105
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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On October 20, 2010, Altair Nanotechnologies Inc. (“Altair” or the “Company”) filed a preliminary proxy statement for a special meeting of shareholders (the “Preliminary Proxy Statement”), which contains a proposal submitted to the Company’s shareholders to approve a stock option exchange program for employees other than the Company’s non-employee directors (the “Proposed Stock Option Exchange Program”). In connection with the Proposed Stock Option Exchange Program, Altair is filing herewith the Preliminary Proxy Statement.

The Option Exchange program described in this communication has not yet commenced. Altair will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) upon the commencement of the Option Exchange program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Option Exchange program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other related materials when those materials become available, because they will contain important information about the Option Exchange Program.

In connection with the proposal to be voted on by Altair’ stockholders to approve the Option Exchange program discussed in this communication, Altair has filed a preliminary proxy statement with the SEC and intends to file other relevant materials with the SEC, including a definitive proxy statement. Altair stockholders are urged to read such materials as and when they become available and before making any voting decision regarding the Option Exchange program, because they will contain important information about the proposal to be voted on by stockholders with respect to the Option Exchange program. Altair stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by Altair with the SEC free of charge from the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

Item 12. Exhibits

- 99.1 Preliminary Proxy Statement for the Special Meeting of Shareholders (filed with the SEC on October 20, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference)
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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.

Altair Nanotechnologies Inc.

By: /s/ John Fallini

Name: John Fallini

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 20, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Preliminary Proxy Statement for the Special Meeting of Shareholders (filed with the SEC on October 20, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference)
