

EBAY INC
Form SC TO-C
March 10, 2009

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

eBay Inc.

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

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

278642103

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

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- ☐ third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
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- ☐ amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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Attached are (i) the Preliminary Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of eBay Inc. (eBay or the Company) to be held on April 29, 2009 (the Preliminary Proxy Statement), which contains a proposal submitted to the Company s stockholders to approve amendments to certain of the Company s existing equity incentive plans to allow for a one-time stock option exchange program for employees other than the Company s named executive officers and directors (the Option Exchange Program); (ii) a written communication sent by the President and Chief Executive Officer of eBay to the Company s employees on March 9, 2009 regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program; (iii) a bullet-point list of basic information about the proposed Option Exchange Program, which was attached as a link to the written communication referred to in (ii) above; (iv) an email from Beth Axelrod, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, to eBay people managers, human resources managers, the investor relations team, and the public relations team regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program; (v) a Proposed Stock Option Exchange Program Q&A made available to the Company s employees on March 9, 2009; and (vi) a March 9, 2009 post by Richard Brewer-Hay, editor of eBay Ink, the Company s online blog, regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program. Neither the Preliminary Proxy Statement nor the communications attached as exhibits to this Schedule TO constitute an offer to holders of the Company s outstanding stock options to exchange those options. The proposed Option Exchange Program will only be commenced, if at all, if the Company s stockholders approve the proposal to approve amendments to certain of the Company s existing equity incentive plans to allow for the proposed Option Exchange Program.

The Option Exchange Program has not yet commenced. eBay will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or 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 eBay s stockholders with respect to the amendment of certain eBay equity incentive plans to permit the Option Exchange Program, eBay has filed the Preliminary Proxy Statement with the SEC and intends to file other relevant materials with the SEC, including a definitive proxy statement. eBay stockholders are urged to read such materials as and when they become available and before making any voting decision regarding the plan amendments, because they will contain important information about the proposal to be voted on by stockholders with respect to the Option Exchange Program.

eBay stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by eBay with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by eBay with the SEC by directing a written request to: eBay Inc. 2145 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose, California 95125, Attention: Investor Relations.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

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| 99.1 | Preliminary Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (filed with the SEC on March 9, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 99.2 | Communication from John Donahoe, President and Chief Executive Officer of eBay, to eBay employees regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program, dated March 9, 2009. |
| 99.3 | Basic Information regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program, dated March 9, 2009. |
| 99.4 | E-mail from Beth Axelrod, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, to eBay people managers, human resources managers, the investor relations team, and the public relations team regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program, dated March 9, 2009. |
| 99.5 | Proposed Stock Option Exchange Program Q&A, dated March 9, 2009. |
| 99.6 | March 9, 2009 post by Richard Brewer-Hay, editor of eBay Ink, eBay's online blog, regarding the proposed Option Exchange Program. |