METHODE ELECTRONICS INC Form SC 14D9/A October 22, 2003

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# **SCHEDULE 14D-9/A**

### Solicitation/Recommendation Statement

Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 8)

### Methode Electronics, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

## Methode Electronics, Inc.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

#### Class B Common Stock, Par Value \$0.50 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### 591520 10 1

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notice and Communications on Behalf of the Person(s) Filing Statement)

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#### **Purpose of Amendment**

This Amendment No. 8 amends and supplements the Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on July 21, 2003 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on August 4, 2003, Amendment No. 2 filed on August 14, 2003, Amendment No. 3 filed on August 20, 2003, Amendment No. 4 filed on August 27, 2003, Amendment No. 5 filed on September 3, 2003, Amendment No. 6 filed on September 11, 2003 and Amendment No. 7 filed on October 3, 2003, the "Schedule 14D-9"), by Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company" or "Methode"). Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 14D-9.

#### ITEM 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED.

Item 8 of the Schedule 14D-9 is amended and supplemented by adding the following:

(a)

Legal Matters

*Litigation.* On October 20, 2003, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware denied plaintiff's motion for expedited proceedings and for the setting of a preliminary injunction hearing in the litigation captioned Fein v. Methode Electronics, Inc., the purported class action filed on behalf of holders of Methode's Class B common stock.

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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.

Dated: October 22, 2003

Methode Electronics, Inc.

By: /s/ DONALD W. DUDA

Name: Donald W. Duda Title: *President* 

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ITEM 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED. SIGNATURE