

MERANT PLC  
Form 425  
March 10, 2004

**FILED BY SERENA SOFTWARE, INC. PURSUANT TO RULE 425**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND DEEMED**

**FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 14d-2 UNDER THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**SUBJECT COMPANY: MERANT PLC**

**COMMISSION FILE NO. 000-19696**









































On March 8, 2004, SERENA Software, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement that includes a prospectus of SERENA, and other relevant materials in connection with the proposed offer. Upon commencement of the offer, SERENA will file a Schedule TO containing a tender offer statement and other relevant materials. **Investors and security holders of Merant plc are urged to read the prospectus and the other relevant materials before making any decision to tender their shares because they contain important information about SERENA, Merant and the proposed transaction.** The prospectus, the tender offer statement (when filed), other relevant materials, and any other documents filed by SERENA or Merant with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by SERENA by contacting SERENA Investor Relations, 2755 Campus Drive, 3rd Floor, San Mateo, California 94403-2538, USA, telephone: (650) 522 6600. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Merant by contacting Merant Investor Relations, 3445 NW 211th Terrace, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124, USA, telephone: (503) 617 2753.