

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form SC TO-C

January 09, 2003

**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*

**AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, 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)**

**00846U-10-1**

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

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

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Attached are Agilent Technologies, Inc.'s Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 4, 2003, and the related materials filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in conjunction with the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement (the Proxy Materials). The Proxy Materials contain a proposal submitted for the approval of Agilent's stockholders whereby Agilent's 1999 Stock Plan would be amended to permit Agilent to undertake an exchange offer pursuant to which holders of certain options to purchase a maximum of 47,483,800 shares of Agilent's Common Stock could elect to cancel such options in exchange for the grant of replacement options to purchase between 0.25 and 1.0 shares of Agilent Common Stock for each cancelled option, depending upon the grant date and exercise price of the cancelled option (the Exchange).

The Proxy Materials do not constitute an offer to holders of options to purchase Agilent Common Stock to exchange their options. In the event Agilent's stockholders approve the amendment to Agilent's 1999 Stock Plan that permits Agilent to undertake the Exchange, the Exchange may be commenced at such time as determined in the discretion of Agilent's Compensation Committee, which may also choose not to implement the Exchange.

**At the time the Exchange is commenced, Agilent will provide option holders who are eligible to participate in the Exchange with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the Exchange. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Exchange should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they will contain important information about the Exchange. Agilent will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement upon the commencement of the Exchange. Agilent stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by Agilent with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).**

### ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

| <b>EXHIBIT<br/>NUMBER</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Proxy Statement for 2003 Annual Stockholders Meeting                                  |
| 99.2                      | Communication to Employees from Edward W. (Ned) Barnholt, Chairman, President and CEO |
| 99.3                      | Question and Answer Document for Employees  |
| 99.4                      | Slides for use by Management in Discussions with Employees                            |
| 99.5                      | Slides for use by Management in Discussions with the Financial Community              |