

METHODE ELECTRONICS INC  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### SCHEDULE TO

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

#### **Methode Electronics, Inc.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

#### **Methode Electronics, Inc.**

(Names of Filing Persons (Issuer))

**Class B Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share, and related Preferred Share Purchase Rights**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**591520 10 1**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

**Donald W. Duda**

**President**

**Methode Electronics, Inc.**

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(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized  
to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With a copy to:

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Methode Electronics, Inc. has announced its plans to commence a tender offer for all of its outstanding shares of Class B common stock. In connection with that tender offer, the following press release is for informational purposes only and is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of any offer to sell any shares. Upon commencement of such an offer by Methode, Methode will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Schedule TO, including an offer to purchase, letter of transmittal and other related documents. Class B common stockholders of Methode are strongly encouraged to read these materials when they become available because they will contain important information about the terms and conditions of the offer. Such materials will be mailed to Methode's Class B common stockholders and may be obtained free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and at Methode's website at [www.methode.com](http://www.methode.com). Stockholders may also obtain, without charge, copies of the offering materials by directing requests to Methode's Investor Relations Department.

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### News Release

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### Methode Electronics, Inc. Adjourns Special Meeting of Eligible Class A Stockholders

**CHICAGO, July 10, 2003** Methode Electronics, Inc. (Nasdaq: METHA) announced today that it has adjourned its special meeting of eligible Class A stockholders. Mr. William T. Jensen, Chairman of Methode Electronics, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and

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immediately adjourned, to reconvene on July 24, 2003 at 10:00 A.M.

This adjournment relates to the unsolicited cash tender offer for Methode's outstanding Class B common stock by Dura Automotive Systems, Inc.

### **About Methode Electronics**

Methode Electronics, Inc. is a global manufacturer of component and subsystem devices. Methode designs, manufactures and markets devices employing electrical, electronic, wireless, sensing and optical technologies. Methode's components are found in the primary end markets of the automotive, communications (including information processing and storage, networking equipment, wireless and terrestrial voice/data systems), aerospace, rail and other transportation industries; and the consumer and industrial equipment markets. Further information can be found at Methode's website <http://www.methode.com>.

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