

REALNETWORKS INC
Form SC TO-C
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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***

REALNETWORKS, INC.

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

**Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$0.001 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)**

75605L 10 4

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities Underlying Common Stock)

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communications on behalf of filing persons)**

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*

Not applicable*

Amount of Filing Fee

Not applicable*

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third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

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

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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Attached is the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of RealNetworks, Inc. (the Company) to be held on September 21, 2009 (the Proxy Statement), which contains a proposal submitted to the Company s shareholders to approve amendments to the Company s existing equity plans to permit a one-time voluntary stock option exchange program (the Option Exchange Program). The Proxy Statement does not constitute an offer to holders of the Company s outstanding stock options to exchange those options. The Option Exchange Program will only be commenced, if at all, if shareholders approve the amendments to the Company s existing equity plans to permit the Option Exchange Program.

RealNetworks has not commenced the Option Exchange Program and will not do so unless it receives the requisite shareholder approval at its 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. If the option exchange program is approved and RealNetworks determines to implement the program, it will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Persons who may be eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program are urged to read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, including the offer to exchange and other related materials, when those materials become available because they will contain important information about the Option Exchange Program. These documents, including the Tender Offer Statement and the Schedule TO, will be available free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov and from RealNetworks upon written request to Investor Relations Department, RealNetworks, Inc., P.O. Box 91123, Seattle, Washington 98111-9223.

Item 12. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Document
99.1	Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (incorporated by reference to the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 12, 2009)