

METHODE ELECTRONICS INC  
Form SC TO-C  
July 14, 2003

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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.  
7401 West Wilson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60706-4548  
(708) 867-6777**

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

With a copy to:

**James W. Ashley, Jr.  
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115 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
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**News Release**

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**McGinley Trusts Terminate Agreement with Methode Electronics, Inc.**

CHICAGO, July 14, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ Methode Electronics, Inc. (Nasdaq: METHA) today announced that the William J. McGinley Marital Trusts (the "McGinley Trusts") today gave notice of termination of the Agreement dated August 19, 2002, amended December 26, 2002, with Methode. Under this Agreement, the McGinley Trusts and related family members had agreed to tender all of their shares of Class B common stock to Methode.

Warren Batts, Chairman of the Special Committee representing the Class A stockholders of the Company, said: "We are disappointed that the McGinley family decided to take this action at a time when we have been attempting in good faith to reach a negotiated solution. We will continue to try to negotiate with the family but there can be no assurance we will be able to get there."

**About Methode Electronics**

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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 [www.methode.com](http://www.methode.com).

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