

NetApp, Inc.  
Form SC TO-C  
May 20, 2009

**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*

**NetApp, Inc.**  
**(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))**

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

**64110D104**  
**(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities Underlying Common Stock)**

**Daniel J. Warmenhoven**  
**Chief Executive Officer and Director**  
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**(Name, address and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and 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.
  
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
  
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
  
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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On April 21, 2009, the stockholders of NetApp, Inc. (the Company ) approved a one-time option exchange program (the Option Exchange Program ) pursuant to which employees of the Company (excluding executives and directors) who hold certain options to purchase shares of the Company s common stock (such options, eligible options ) will be given the opportunity to exchange such eligible options for restricted stock units.

The attached written communication (the Exhibit ) was disseminated by the Company on May 20, 2009 in connection with the proposed Option Exchange Program.

**The attached Exhibit does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible options to exchange such options. The Option Exchange Program described in the Exhibit has not yet commenced. Even though the Option Exchange Program has been approved by the stockholders of the Company, the Company may still decide not to implement the Option Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Option Exchange Program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other related materials when those materials become available because they will contain important information about the Option Exchange Program. The Company will file the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) upon the commencement of the Option Exchange Program. The Company s stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Eligible holders of the Company s options may obtain a written copy of the tender offer documents free of charge, when available, by contacting the Compensation Group at NetApp, Inc., 495 East Java Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089.**

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

99.1	Email to Employees from Daniel Warmenhoven, disseminated by the Company on May 20, 2009 in connection with the Option Exchange Program.
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