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UNITED STATES 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

(Amendment No. 13)

ADC Telecommunications, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

Tyco Electronics Minnesota, Inc. Tyco Electronics Ltd.

(Names of Filing Persons Offeror)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.20 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities) (including the associated preferred stock purchase rights)

000886-309

(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 13 ("Amendment No. 13") amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (as previously amended, the "Schedule TO") originally filed on July 26, 2010 by Tyco Electronics Ltd., a Swiss corporation ("Tyco Electronics"), and Tyco Electronics Minnesota, Inc., a Minnesota corporation and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Tyco Electronics ("Purchaser"), relating to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.20 per share (together with the associated preferred stock purchase rights, the "Shares"), of ADC Telecommunications, Inc., a Minnesota corporation ("ADC"), for \$12.75 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated July 26, 2010 (the "Offer to Purchase"), and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the "Offer").

All capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 13 without definition have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule TO.

The items of the Schedule TO set forth below, to the extent such items incorporate by reference the information contained in the Offer to Purchase, are hereby amended and supplemented as described below. All page references in this Amendment No. 13 refer to the Offer to Purchase.

Item 11. Additional Information.

Item 11 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following text thereto:

On December 6, 2010, Tyco Electronics received merger control clearance from the European Commission for its proposed acquisition of ADC. The full text of a press release by Tyco Electronics announcing the clearance by the European Commission is filed as exhibit (a)(30) hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11 of the Schedule TO, in the section entitled "*Shareholder Litigation*," is hereby revised to reflect the fact that the court scheduled hearing, at which the court will consider the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the settlement, the proposed final certification of the class, and an application by plaintiffs' counsel for fees and expenses, has been moved from February 10, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. central time to March 10, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. central time.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

(a)(30) Press release entitled "EU Clears Tyco Electronics' Acquisition of ADC" dated December 7, 2010.

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, each of the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 7, 2010

Tyco Electronics Minnesota, Inc.

By: /s/ TERRENCE R. CURTIN

Name: Terrence R. Curtin

Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Tyco Electronics Ltd.

By: /s/ TERRENCE R. CURTIN

Name: Terrence R. Curtin
Title: Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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