

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS INC
Form SC TO-C
March 13, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14d-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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

Options to Purchase Common Stock,

par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (Underlying Common Stock))

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General Counsel,

Senior Vice President, Administration and Secretary

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

With a Copy to:

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Not Applicable

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

- 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.

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

Attached is Valassis Communications, Inc.'s (the Company) Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Preliminary Proxy Statement (the Preliminary Proxy Statement) for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 23, 2009 (the 2009 Annual Meeting), which contains, among other things, a proposal to be submitted to the Company's stockholders to approve an exchange program under which our employees would be permitted to surrender outstanding stock options in exchange for new stock options covering fewer shares, with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date and new vesting requirements (the Option Exchange Program). The Preliminary Proxy Statement does not constitute an offer to holders of the Company's outstanding stock options to exchange those options. The proposed Option Exchange Program will only be commenced, if at all, if the Company's stockholders approve the Option Exchange Program proposal at the 2009 Annual Meeting, which approval shall be deemed to be an amendment to the Company's applicable existing equity incentive plans to permit the proposed Option Exchange Program.

The Option Exchange Program has not yet commenced and will not commence unless the requisite stockholder approval is obtained at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Even if the requisite stockholder approval is obtained, the Company may still decide later not to implement the Option Exchange Program. The Company will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) upon the commencement of 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.

In connection with the Option Exchange Program proposal to be voted on by the Company's stockholders at the 2009 Annual Meeting, the Company has filed the Preliminary Proxy Statement with the SEC and intends to file other relevant materials with the SEC, including a definitive proxy statement. The Company's stockholders are urged to read such materials as and when they become available and before making any voting decision regarding the Option Exchange Program proposal because they will contain important information about the proposal.

The Company's stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, when available, stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by the Company with the SEC by directing a written request to: Valassis Communications, Inc., 19975 Victor Parkway, Livonia, Michigan 48152, Attention: Todd Wiseley, General Counsel, Senior Vice President, Administration and Secretary.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Preliminary Proxy Statement for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (filed with the SEC on March 13, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference (File No. 001-10991)).