

CONEXANT SYSTEMS INC
Form SC TO-I
September 04, 2001
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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

Conexant Systems, Inc.

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

**Options to purchase Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share,
with an exercise price equal to or greater than \$25.00 per share**
(Title of Class of Securities)

207142 10 0

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

**Dennis E. O Reilly, Esq.
Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary
Conexant Systems, Inc.
4311 Jamboree Road
Newport Beach, California 92660-3095
(949) 483-4600**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and
Communications on Behalf of Filing Person)

Copy to:

**Frederick T. Muto, Esq.
Cooley Godward LLP
4401 Eastgate Mall
San Diego, California 92121-9109
(858) 550-6000**

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation ⁽¹⁾

Amount of Filing Fee ⁽²⁾

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\$145,159,178.04

\$29,031.84

(1) Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. This amount assumes that options to purchase 30,207,967 shares of common stock of Conexant Systems, Inc. having an aggregate value of \$145,159,178.04 as of August 31, 2001 will be exchanged and/or cancelled pursuant to this offer. The aggregate value of such options was calculated based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

(2) The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals 1/50th of one percent of the value of the transaction. Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: Not applicable
Form or Registration No.: Not applicable

Filing party: Not applicable
Date filed: Not applicable

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer. 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:

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SIGNATURE

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Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information set forth under Summary Term Sheet (the Summary Term Sheet) in the Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock, dated September 4, 2001 (the Offer to Exchange), is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Subject Company Information.

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(a) *Name and Address.* The name of the issuer is Conexant Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), and the address and telephone number of its principal executive offices are 4311 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, California 92660-3095, (949) 483-4600. The information set forth in Section 15 (Information About Us) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Securities.* This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to an offer by the Company to exchange options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the Common Stock) outstanding under the Company's 1999 Long-Term Incentives Plan and 2000 Non-Qualified Stock Plan (the Replacement Grant Plans), the Maker Communications, Inc. 1999 Stock Incentive Plan, the Microcosm Communications Limited Stock Option Plan, the Sierra Imaging, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan and the Company's Directors Stock Plan, with an exercise price equal to or greater than \$25.00 per share (the Eligible Option Grants), for replacement options (the Replacement Options) to purchase shares of the Common Stock to be granted under the Replacement Grant Plans, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Exchange. The number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Replacement Options will be equal to the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Eligible Option Grants that are accepted for exchange and cancelled. The information set forth in the Summary Term Sheet and in Section 1 (Number of Options; Expiration Date), Section 5 (Acceptance of Eligible Option Grants for Exchange and Cancellation and Issuance of Replacement Options) and Section 8 (Source and Amount of Consideration; Terms of Replacement Options) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Trading Market and Price.* The information set forth in Section 7 (Price Range of Common Stock) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.

(a) *Name and Address.* The information set forth in Item 2(a) above is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

(a) *Material Terms.* The information set forth in the Summary Term Sheet and in Section 1 (Number of Options; Expiration Date), Section 3 (Procedures), Section 4 (Change in Election), Section 5 (Acceptance of Eligible Option Grants for Exchange and Cancellation and Issuance of Replacement Options), Section 6 (Conditions of the Offer), Section 8 (Source and Amount of Consideration; Terms of Replacement Options), Section 10 (Status of Eligible Option Grants Acquired by us in the Offer), Section 11 (Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals), Section 12 (Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences) and Section 13 (Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Purchases.* The information set forth in Section 9 (Interests of Directors and Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Involving the Eligible Option Grants) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 5. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.

(e) *Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities.* The information set forth in Section 8 (Source and Amount of Consideration; Terms of Replacement Options) and Section 9 (Interests of Directors and Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Involving the Eligible Option Grants) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.

(a) *Purposes.* The information set forth in the Summary Term Sheet and in Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Use of Securities Acquired.* The information set forth in Section 5 (Acceptance of Eligible Option Grants for Exchange and Cancellation and Issuance of Replacement Options) and Section 10 (Status of Eligible Option Grants Acquired by us in the Offer) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

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(c) *Plans*. The information set forth in Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer) and Section 15 (Information About Us) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

(a) *Source of Funds*. The information set forth in Section 8 (Source and Amount of Consideration; Terms of Replacement Options) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Conditions*. The information set forth in Section 6 (Conditions of the Offer) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Borrowed Funds*. Not applicable.

Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.

(a) *Securities Ownership*. The information set forth in Section 9 (Interests of Directors and Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Involving the Eligible Option Grants) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Securities Transactions*. The information set forth in Section 9 (Interests of Directors and Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Involving the Eligible Option Grants) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.

(a) *Solicitations or Recommendations*. The information set forth in Section 14 (Fees and Expenses) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Financial Statements.

(a) *Financial Information*. The information set forth in Section 15 (Information About Us) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information*. Not applicable.

Item 11. Additional Information.

(a) *Agreements, Regulatory Requirements and Legal Proceedings*. The information set forth in Section 11 (Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals) of the Offer to Exchange is incorporated herein by reference.

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(b) *Other Material Information*. Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits.

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Overview of the

Offer to
Exchange.(a)(1)(C)
Online Election
Form Log-in
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Online Election
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Form of Online or
Hard Copy
Election
Form.(a)(1)(F)
Form of Online
Election
Confirmation.(a)(1)(G)
Form of E-Mail or
Hard Copy
Election
Confirmation.(a)(1)(H)
E-Mail dated
September 4, 2001
to actively
employed holders
of Eligible Option
Grants.(a)(1)(I)
Letter dated
September 4, 2001
to holders of
Eligible Option
Grants on leave of
absence.(b) Not
applicable.(d)(1)
Conexant
Systems, Inc.
1999 Long-Term
Incentives Plan.
Filed as an exhibit
to the Company's
Registration
Statement on
Form S-8
(Registration
No. 333-37918),
originally filed on
May 26, 2000, and
incorporated
herein by
reference.(d)(2)
Conexant
Systems, Inc.
2000
Non-Qualified
Stock Plan, as
amended. Filed as
an exhibit to the
Company's
Registration
Statement on
Form S-8
(Registration
No. 333-54672),
originally filed on

January 31, 2001,
and incorporated
herein by
reference.(d)(3)
Maker
Communications,
Inc. 1999 Stock
Incentive Plan.
Filed as an exhibit
to Maker
Communications,
Inc. s Registration
Statement on
Form S-1
(Registration
No. 333-74293),
originally filed on
March 11, 1999,
and incorporated
herein by
reference.(d)(4)
Microcosm
Communications
Limited Stock
Option Plan. Filed
as an exhibit to
the Company s
Registration
Statement on
Form S-3
(Registration
No. 333-30596),
originally filed on
February 17,
2000, and
incorporated
herein by
reference.(d)(5)
Sierra Imaging,
Inc. 1996 Stock
Option Plan, as
amended.(d)(6)
Conexant
Systems, Inc.
Directors Stock
Plan. Filed as an
exhibit to the
Company s
Registration
Statement on
Form 10
(Registration
No. 000-24923),
originally filed on
September 28,
1998, and
incorporated
herein by
reference.(g) Not
applicable.(h) Not
applicable.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

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

CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ DENNIS E. O REILLY

Dennis E. O Reilly
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Date: September 4, 2001

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September 4, 2001
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