

ENGELHARD CORP
Form SC TO-C
January 04, 2006

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

ENGELHARD CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company)

IRON ACQUISITION CORPORATION

an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of

BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

(Names of Filing Persons-Offeror)

Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

292845104

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

No.

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| 99.1 | Press release, dated January 3, 2006.* |
| 99.2 | Analyst presentation, dated January 3, 2006* |
| 99.3 | Text of email to U.S. employees of BASF Aktiengesellschaft, dated January 3, 2006* |
| 99.4 | Transcript of Conference Call, dated January 3, 2006. |
| 99.5 | Transcript of Interview with Dr. Kurt Bock. |
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* Previously filed with the SEC.
