MF Global Ltd. Form SC TO-C October 06, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or Section 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MF GLOBAL LTD.

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

Options to Purchase Common Shares, \$1.00 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

G60642108

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

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

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Calculation of Filing Fee

Transaction valuation
Not Applicable*

Amount of filing fee Not Applicable*

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

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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On October 6, 2009, MF Global Ltd. (MF Global or the Company) distributed a letter, dated October 5, 2009, and email, dated October 6, 2009, to eligible employees of MF Global regarding the anticipated launch of a one-time voluntary share option exchange program for eligible employees, which excludes the Company s executive officers and directors (the Share Option Exchange Program). Neither the letter nor the email, each of which is attached as an exhibit to this Schedule TO, constitutes an offer to any holder of eligible options to exchange such options.

The Share Option Exchange Program has not commenced. Neither the letter, the email, nor this filing on Schedule TO constitutes an offer to any holder of eligible options to exchange such options. MF Global will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the SEC upon the commencement of an exchange offer under the Share Option Exchange Program. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Share 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 Share Option Exchange Program.

MF Global shareholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by MF Global with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, shareholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by MF Global with the SEC by directing a written request to: MF Global Ltd., 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Investor Relations.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit

| Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Letter to eligible employees of MF Global Ltd. dated October 5, 2009. |
| 99.2 | Email to eligible employees of MF Global Ltd. dated October 6, 2009. |