UTSTARCOM HOLDINGS CORP. Form SC TO-I November 30, 2012

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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

## **UTStarcom Holdings Corp.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

### **UTStarcom Holdings Corp.**

(Names of Filing Persons (Issuer and Offeror))

#### Ordinary Shares, \$0.00125 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### G9310A106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

William Wong
Chief Executive Officer
UTStarcom Holdings Corp.
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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With a copy to: Scott Anthony Covington & Burling LLP 333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 700 Redwood Shores, CA 94065 (650) 632-4703

### CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

	Transaction Valuation	n(1)	Amount of Filing Fee(2)	
	\$30,000,000		\$4,092	
(1)	The transaction value is estimated ordinary shares, \$0.00125 par value		g the filing fee. This amount assumes the purchase of 25,000,000	)
(2)			0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as \$136.40 per \$1,000,000 of the value of the transaction.	
0			0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee whent number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.	as
	Previously Paid: Registration No.:	Filing Party: Date Filed:		
0	Check the box if the filing relates	solely to preliminary communic	cations made before the commencement of a tender offer.	
Check tl	he appropriate boxes to designate an	ny transactions to which the state	ement relates:	
О	third-party tender offer subject to	Rule 14d-1.		
ý	issuer tender offer subject to Rule	13e-4.		
0	going-private transaction subject t	to Rule 13e-3.		
0	amendment to Schedule 13D under	er Rule 13d-2.		
Check tl	he following box if the filing is a fin	al amendment reporting the res	ults of the tender offer. o	
If applic	eable, check the appropriate box(es)	below to designate the appropri	ate rule provision(s) relied upon:	
	o Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Bo	order Issuer Tender Offer)		
	o Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-B	order Third Party Tender Offer		

#### INTRODUCTION

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the offer by UTStarcom Holdings Corp., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("UTStarcom," the "Company" or "our"), to purchase up to 25,000,000 of its ordinary shares, \$0.00125 par value per share (the "Shares"), at a price of \$1.20, net to the seller in cash, less any applicable withholding taxes and without interest. The Company's offer is being made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated November 30, 2012 (the "Offer to Purchase") and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached to this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively (which together, as amended or supplemented from time to time, constitute the "Offer"). This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The information contained in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed with this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively, is incorporated herein by reference in answer to Items 1 through 11 in this Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, as more particularly described below.

#### Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information set forth in the section captioned "Summary Term Sheet" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2. Subject Company Information.

- (a) Name and Address: The name of the issuer is UTStarcom Holdings Corp., an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The address of its principal executive office is 52-2 Building, BDA International Enterprise Avenue, No. 2 Jingyuan North Street, Daxing District, Beijing, P.R. China and its telephone number is +86 (10) 8520-5588. The information set forth in Section 10 ("Certain Information Concerning Us") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) **Securities:** The information set forth in the section captioned "Introduction" in the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) **Trading Market and Price:** The information set forth in Section 8 ("Price Range of Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.

(a) Name and Address: The Company is the filing person. The Company's address and telephone number are set forth in Item 2 above. The information set forth in Section 10 ("Certain Information Concerning Us") and Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

(a) Mat	erial Terms:	The following s	ections of the Of	fer to Purchase	e contain a d	description of	f the material	terms of tl	ne transaction	and
are incorporate	d herein by ref	erence:								

"Introduction";
"Summary Term Sheet";
Section 1 ("Number of Shares; Proration");
Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer");

Section 3 ("Procedures for Tendering Shares");
Section 4 ("Withdrawal Rights");
Section 5 ("Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price");
Section 6 ("Conditional Tender of Shares");
Section 7 ("Conditions of the Offer");
Section 9 ("Source and Amount of Funds");
Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares");
Section 13 ("Certain Tax Consequences");
Section 14 ("Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment"); and
Section 16 ("Miscellaneous").

(b) **Purchases:** The information set forth in the sections of the Offer to Purchase captioned "Introduction" and "Summary Term Sheet" is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(e) **Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities:** The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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

- (a) **Purposes:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned "Summary Term Sheet" is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) **Use of the Securities Acquired:** The information set forth in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) **Plans:** The information set forth in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer"), Section 8 ("Price Range of Shares; Dividends") and Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase 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 9 ("Source and Amount of Funds") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Conditions:** The information set forth in Section 7 ("Conditions of the Offer") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 8. Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.

(a) **Securities Ownership:** The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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(b) **Securities Transactions:** The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(a) **Solicitations or Recommendations:** The information set forth in Section 15 ("Fees and Expenses") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 10. Financial Statements.

Not applicable, in reliance on Instruction 2 to this Item 10.

#### Item 11. Additional Information.

- (a) **Agreements, Regulatory Requirements and Legal Proceedings:** The information set forth in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer"), Section 10 ("Certain Information Concerning Us"), Section 11 ("Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") and Section 12 ("Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference. To the knowledge of the Company, no material legal proceedings relating to the tender offer are pending.
- (c) **Other Material Information:** The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed with this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time, is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number a(1)(i)	Description Offer to Purchase, dated November 30, 2012	Form Filed herewith	Incorporated by Reference From Exhibit Number	Date Filed
a(1)(ii)	Letter of Transmittal (including IRS Form W-9 and Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on IRS Form W-9)	Filed herewith		
a(1)(iii)	Notice of Guaranteed Delivery	Filed herewith		
a(1)(iv)	Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees	Filed herewith		
a(1)(v)	Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees	Filed herewith		
a(5)(i)	Press Release, dated November 30, 2012.	Filed herewith		
a(5)(ii)	Summary Advertisement, dated November 30, 2012.	Filed herewith		
(b)	None.			
d(1)	Amended 2001 Director Option Plan and forms of related agreements.	10-K	10.66	6/1/06
d(2)	2003 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan.	S-8	4.4	9/15/03

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Exhibit Number d(3)	Description  Amended and Restated Change of Control/Involuntary Termination Severance Agreement by and between Hong Liang Lu and UTStarcom, Inc., effective as of January 30, 2008.	Form 8-K	by Reference From Exhibit Number 10.1	Date Filed 2/5/08
d(4)	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for use under the Company's 1997 Stock Plan.	8-K	10.1	9/12/05
d(5)	Form of Director and Officer Stock Option Agreement for use under the Company's 1997 Stock Plan.	8-K	10.1	12/6/05
d(6)	2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended February 18, 2009.	10-K	10.14	3/2/2009
d(7)	Form of Stock Option Award Agreement for use under 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.	10-Q	10.2	8/7/2009
d(8)	Form of Stock Option Agreement for Directors and Officers for use under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.	10-Q	10.3	8/7/2009
d(9)	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for use under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.	10-K	10.17	3/2/2009
d(10)	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for use under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.	10-K	10.18	3/2/2009
d(11)	Form of Stock Option Amendment Election Form executed by key executive officers and directors.	8-K	10.1	1/4/07
d(12)	Stock Option Amendment Election Form executed by Hong Liang Lu on December 29, 2006.	8-K	10.2	1/4/07
d(13)	UTStarcom, Inc. Amended and Restated Vice President Change in Control and Involuntary Termination Severance Pay Plan.	10-Q	10.1	5/8/2009
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d(21)	Form of Indemnification Agreement	F-4	10.1	4/29/2011
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	Development Co., Ltd.			
d(24)	Stockholder Rights Agreement, made as of February 1, 2010, by and among	8-K	4.2	2/4/2010
2(2.7)	UTStarcom, Inc., Elite Noble Limited and Shah Capital Opportunity Fund L.P.			
(g)	None.			
(8)				
(h)	None.			
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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.

#### UTSTARCOM HOLDINGS CORP.

/s/ ROBERT PU

Name: Robert Pu

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 30, 2012

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