

SOUTHWALL TECHNOLOGIES INC /DE/  
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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**

**SOUTHWALL TECHNOLOGIES INC.**  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

**BACKBONE ACQUISITION SUB, INC.**  
A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of

**SOLUTIA INC.**  
(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

**COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**844909200**  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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- .. Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
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This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a planned tender offer by Backbone Acquisition Sub, Inc. ( Purchaser ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Solutia Inc. ( Parent ), for all of the outstanding common stock of Southwall Technologies Inc. (the Company ), to be commenced pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 6, 2011, by and among Parent, Purchaser and the Company.

The exhibits are neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities. The tender offer for the outstanding shares of the Company s common stock described in this filing has not commenced. At the time the offer is commenced, Parent will file a tender offer statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), and the Company will file a solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9, with respect to the offer. The tender offer statement (including an offer to purchase, a related letter of transmittal and other offer documents) and the solicitation/recommendation statement will contain important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. Those materials will be made available to the Company s stockholders at no expense to them. In addition, all of those materials (and all other offer documents filed with the SEC) will be available at no charge on the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| 99.1              | Press Release dated October 7, 2011                     |
| 99.2              | Transcript dated October 7, 2011                        |
| 99.3              | Communication to Parent employees dated October 7, 2011 |