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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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(RULE 14d-101)

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Michael Baker Corporation

(Name of Subject Company)

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(Name of Persons Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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

The information set forth under Items 1.01, 8.01 and 9.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Michael Baker Corporation (the Company) on August 30, 2013 (including all exhibits attached thereto) are incorporated herein by reference.

Additional Information

The tender offer for the outstanding common stock of the Company referred to in this document has not yet commenced. This document is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. The solicitation and the offer to buy shares of the Company Common Stock will be made pursuant to an offer to purchase and related materials that Merger Sub intends to file with the SEC. At the time the tender is commenced, Merger Sub will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the SEC, and thereafter the Company will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the tender offer. The Tender Offer Statement (including an Offer to Purchase, a related Letter of Transmittal and other offer documents) and Solicitation/Recommendation will contain important information that should be read carefully and considered before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. These materials will be sent free of charge to all shareholders of the Company when available. In addition, all of these materials (and all other materials filed by the Company with the SEC) will be available at no charge from the SEC through its website at www.sec.gov.

Customary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This filing contains forward-looking statements with respect to the tender offer and related transactions, including the benefits expected from the acquisition and the expected timing of the completion of the transaction. When used in this filing, the words can, is expected, similar expressions and any other statements that are no will, intends, expects, historical facts are intended to identify those assertions as forward-looking statements. Such statements are based on a number of assumptions that could ultimately prove inaccurate, and are subject to a number of risk factors, including uncertainties regarding the timing of the closing of the transaction, uncertainties as to how many shareholders of the Company may tender their stock in the tender offer, the possibility that a government entity may prohibit, decry or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the transaction, and general economic and business conditions. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Factors that could cause actual results of the tender offer to differ materially include the following: the risk of failing to obtain any regulatory approvals or satisfy conditions to the transaction, the risk that Parent is unable to obtain adequate financing, the risk that the transaction will not close or that closing will be delayed, the risk that the Company s business will suffer due to uncertainty related to the transaction, the competitive environment in our industry and competitive responses to the transaction, as well as risk factors set forth above. Further information on factors that could affect the Company s financial results is provided in documents filed by the Company with the SEC, including the Company s recent filings on Form 10-K and Forms 10-Q.