

# 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

### MaxLinear, Inc.

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

Options to Purchase Class A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

57776J100

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities' Underlying Common Stock)

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

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This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made prior to the commencement of an anticipated tender offer to allow eligible employees of MaxLinear, Inc. or its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) to exchange certain of their outstanding stock options for a reduced number of restricted stock unit awards to be granted under the Company’s 2010 Equity Incentive Plan with a new vesting schedule.

On March 21, 2012, the Company filed a proxy statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission relating to its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012, which contains a proposal submitted to the Company’s stockholders to approve a one-time stock option exchange program for the Company’s eligible employees (the “Exchange Program”).

**The Proxy Statement does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible stock options to exchange such options. The Exchange Program described in the proxy statement has not commenced and will not close unless the requisite stockholder approval is obtained at the Company’s Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Even if the requisite stockholder approval is obtained, the Company may still decide later not to implement the Exchange Program. The Company will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) upon the commencement of the Exchange Program. Persons who may be eligible to participate in the Exchange Program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, including the offer to exchange and other related materials, when those materials become available because they will contain important information about the Exchange Program. The written materials described above and other documents filed with the SEC may be obtained free of charge from the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, employees eligible to participate in the Exchange Program may obtain free copies of documents filed with the SEC by contacting Chief Financial Officer, MaxLinear, Inc., 2051 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 100, Carlsbad, CA 92011 or through the Company’s website at [www.maxlinear.com](http://www.maxlinear.com).**

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled for May 10, 2012 (incorporated by reference from the Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2012).