DELTA APPAREL INC Form SC TO-C November 20, 2001

> 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)

DELTA APPAREL, INC. (NAME OF SUBJECT COMPANY (ISSUER))

DELTA APPAREL, INC. (NAME OF FILING PERSON (ISSUER))

COMMON STOCK (TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

247368103 (CUSIP NUMBER OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

HERBERT M. MUELLER DELTA APPAREL, INC. 2750 PREMIERE PARKWAY, SUITE 100 DULUTH, GA 30097 (678) 775-6900 (NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS ON BEHALF OF FILING PERSONS)

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Check the appropriate boxes to designate any transactions to which this statement relates:

[] third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1

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This issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer by Delta Apparel, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), to purchase up to 350,000 shares of its Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at a price not greater than \$22.00 nor less than \$19.00 net per share in cash. Amendment No. 1 to this Schedule TO, which will include responses to the Items in the schedule, an Offer to Purchase, and other documents, is expected to by filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and mailed to the Company's shareholders on December 4, 2001.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

The following Exhibit is submitted herewith:

(a) (5) Text of Press Release issued by the Company, dated November 20, 2001.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule TO is true, complete and correct.

DELTA APPAREL, INC.

By: *

Name:

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Title:

Dated: November 20, 2001

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