

AVOCENT CORP  
Form SC TO-T/A  
November 13, 2009

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)

AVOCENT CORPORATION  
(Name of Subject Company)

GLOBE ACQUISITION CORPORATION  
EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.  
(Names of Filing Persons – Offeror)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

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(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This Amendment No. 3 (“Amendment No. 3”) amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (the “Schedule TO”) originally filed on October 15, 2009, as previously amended, by Emerson Electric Co., a Missouri corporation (“Emerson”), and Globe Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“Purchaser”) and a wholly owned subsidiary of Emerson, relating to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Shares”), of Avocent Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“Avocent”), for \$25.00 per Share in cash, without interest, less certain applicable taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated October 15, 2009 (the “Offer to Purchase”) and in the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the “Offer”).

All capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 3 without definition have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule TO.

The items of the Schedule TO set forth below are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Item 4. Terms of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following text thereto:

“The Expiration Date of the Offer is extended to 5:00 pm, New York City time, on November 30, 2009. As of 12:00 midnight on November 12, 2009, approximately 42.0 million Shares had been tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer, including 5.1 million shares tendered pursuant to a notice of guaranteed delivery. The press release announcing the extension of the Offer is filed as Exhibit (a)(11) hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.”

Item 11. Additional Information

Item 11 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following text thereto:

“On November 12, 2009, the Irish Competition Authority issued a clearance with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement under the Irish Competition Act, 2002 (the “Irish Competition Act”). Accordingly, the condition to the Offer relating to the receipt of clearance under the Irish Competition Act has been satisfied.”

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibit:

“(a)(11) Press release issued by Emerson dated November 13, 2009.”

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SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 13, 2009

GLOBE ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Alan Mielcuszny  
Name: Alan Mielcuszny  
Title: Vice President

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.

By: /s/ Alan Mielcuszny  
Name: Alan Mielcuszny  
Title: Vice President, Development

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

(a)(11) Press release issued by Emerson dated November 13, 2009.

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