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Apple Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

CARL C. ICAHN
ICAHN PARTNERS LP
ICAHN PARTNERS MASTER FUND LP
ICAHN PARTNERS MASTER FUND II LP
ICAHN PARTNERS MASTER FUND III LP
ICAHN ENTERPRISES G.P. INC.
ICAHN ENTERPRISES HOLDINGS L.P.
IPH GP LLC
ICAHN CAPITAL L.P.
ICAHN ONSHORE LP
ICAHN OFFSHORE LP
BECKTON CORP.
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HOPPER INVESTMENTS LLC
BARBERRY CORP.
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On December 4, 2013, Carl C. Icahn sent the following Tweet relating to Apple Inc. under the Twitter handle @Carl_C_Icahn (https://twitter.com/Carl_C_Icahn):

“Gave \$AAPL notice we’ll be making a precatory proposal to call for vote to increase buyback program, although not at \$150 billion level.”

SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY CARL C. ICAHN AND HIS AFFILIATES FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF APPLE INC. WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH PROXY SOLICITATION. WHEN COMPLETED, A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND A FORM OF PROXY WILL BE MAILED TO STOCKHOLDERS OF APPLE INC. AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE AT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION’S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH PROXY SOLICITATION IS CONTAINED IN ANNEX A TO THIS SCHEDULE 14A. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE DISCLOSED IN THIS SCHEDULE 14A, THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE NO INTEREST IN APPLE INC. OTHER THAN THROUGH THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF APPLE INC. AS DISCLOSED IN ANNEX A TO THIS SCHEDULE 14A.

PARTICIPANTS

The participants in the solicitation of proxies (the “Participants”) from stockholders of Apple Inc. (the “Corporation”) may include the following: High River Limited Partnership (“High River”), Hopper Investments LLC (“Hopper”), Barberry Corp. (“Barberry”), Icahn Partners Master Fund LP (“Icahn Master”), Icahn Partners Master Fund II LP (“Icahn Master II”), Icahn Partners Master Fund III LP (“Icahn Master III”), Icahn Offshore LP (“Icahn Offshore”), Icahn Partners LP (“Icahn Partners”), Icahn Onshore LP (“Icahn Onshore”), Icahn Capital LP (“Icahn Capital”), IPH GP LLC (“IPH”), Icahn Enterprises Holdings L.P. (“Icahn Enterprises Holdings”), Icahn Enterprises G.P. Inc. (“Icahn Enterprises GP”), Beckton Corp. (“Beckton”), and Carl C. Icahn, a citizen of the United States of America.

The principal business address of each of (i) High River, Hopper, Barberry, Icahn Offshore, Icahn Partners, Icahn Master, Icahn Master II, Icahn Master III, Icahn Onshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP and Beckton is White Plains Plaza, 445 Hamilton Avenue - Suite 1210, White Plains, NY 10601, and (ii) Mr. Icahn is c/o Icahn Associates Corp., 767 Fifth Avenue, 47th Floor, New York, NY 10153.

Icahn Partners, Icahn Master, Icahn Master II, Icahn Master III and High River (collectively, the “Icahn Parties”) are entities controlled by Carl C. Icahn. Barberry is the sole member of Hopper, which is the general partner of High River. Icahn Offshore is the general partner of each of Icahn Master, Icahn Master II and Icahn Master III. Icahn Onshore is the general partner of Icahn Partners. Icahn Capital is the general partner of each of Icahn Offshore and Icahn Onshore. Icahn Enterprises Holdings is the sole member of IPH, which is the general partner of Icahn Capital. Beckton is the sole stockholder of Icahn Enterprises GP, which is the general partner of Icahn Enterprises Holdings. Carl C. Icahn is the sole stockholder of each of Barberry and Beckton. As such, Mr. Icahn is in a position indirectly to determine the investment and voting decisions made by each of the Icahn Parties. In addition, Mr. Icahn is the indirect holder of approximately 89.4% of the outstanding depositary units representing limited partnership interests in Icahn Enterprises L.P. (“Icahn Enterprises”). Icahn Enterprises GP is the general partner of Icahn Enterprises, which is the sole limited partner of Icahn Enterprises Holdings.

The Icahn Parties are deemed to beneficially own, in the aggregate, 4,730,739 shares of common stock, no par value, issued by Apple Inc. (the “Shares”), representing approximately 0.53% of the Corporation's outstanding Shares (based upon the 899,738,000 Shares stated to be outstanding as of October 18, 2013 by the Corporation in the Corporation's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended September 28, 2013.)

High River has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 946,148 Shares. Each of Hopper, Barberry and Mr. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such Shares. Icahn Partners has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 1,457,886 Shares. Each of Icahn Onshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such Shares. Icahn Master has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 1,539,757 Shares. Each of Icahn Offshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such Shares. Icahn Master II has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 546,374 Shares. Each of Icahn Offshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such Shares. Icahn Master III has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 240,574 Shares. Each of Icahn Offshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn has shared voting power and shared dispositive power with regard to such Shares.

Each of Hopper, Barberry and Mr. Icahn, by virtue of their relationships to High River, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the “Act”) the Shares which High River directly beneficially owns. Each of Hopper, Barberry and Mr. Icahn disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes. Each of Icahn Offshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn, by virtue of their relationships to each of Icahn Master, Icahn Master II and Icahn Master III, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act) the Shares which each of Icahn Master, Icahn Master II and Icahn Master III directly beneficially owns. Each of Icahn Offshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes. Each of Icahn Onshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn, by virtue of their relationships to Icahn Partners, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own (as that term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act) the Shares which Icahn Partners directly beneficially owns. Each of Icahn Onshore, Icahn Capital, IPH, Icahn Enterprises Holdings, Icahn Enterprises GP, Beckton and Mr. Icahn disclaims beneficial ownership of such Shares for all other purposes.

In addition, the Participants may also be deemed to include Brett Icahn and David Schechter, who are employees of various entities controlled by Mr. Icahn. From time to time, Brett Icahn and David Schechter may serve on the boards of directors of entities in which Carl Icahn and/or his affiliates have an interest but do not control. In such situations Brett Icahn and David Schechter may receive customary director compensation from such entities (which may include cash fees, equity awards, reimbursement of travel expenses, indemnification and the like). Neither Brett Icahn nor David Schechter owns beneficially any Shares, and neither Brett Icahn nor David Schechter will receive any special compensation in connection with the solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the Corporation.

Each of Brett Icahn and David Schechter is also a party to (A) an Amended and Restated Co-Manager Agreement made as of August 1, 2012 (as amended by the Amendment dated as of October 22, 2013, the “IEP Co-Manager Agreement”) with Icahn Enterprises and Icahn Capital and (B) an Amended and Restated Co-Manager Agreement made as of August 1, 2012 (the “High River Co-Manager Agreement” and, together with the IEP Co-Manager Agreement, the “Co-Manager Agreements”) with High River. Pursuant to the Co-Manager Agreements, subject to the supervision and control of Icahn Capital and Carl C. Icahn, Icahn Capital and Mr. Icahn have made available up to an aggregate of \$3.0 billion for management within the Sargon Portfolio, a designated portfolio of assets co-managed by Brett Icahn and David Schechter, over a four-year term. Each of Brett Icahn and David Schechter will be entitled, subject to the terms of the Co-Manager Agreements, to a one-time lump sum payment at the end of such four-year period, equal to 7.5% of the profit generated by the portfolio (which includes the Shares) over a hurdle rate of return, minus certain costs (payable by Icahn Capital and Mr. Icahn based upon their respective profits). Each of Brett Icahn and David Schechter may be deemed to have an interest in the solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the Corporation, indirectly, pursuant to the Co-Manager Agreements, through the beneficial ownership of Shares by Icahn Capital and Mr. Icahn. Please see the Form 8-K filed by Icahn Enterprises on July 27, 2012 and the Form 8-K filed by Icahn Enterprises on October 22, 2013 for more information regarding the Co-Manager Agreements.