

PHARMION CORP  
Form SC TO-C  
February 28, 2006

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

**(Rule 13e-4)**

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

**Pharmion Corporation**

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

**Options to Purchase Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**71715B 40 9**

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

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communications on behalf of filing person)**

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

**Transaction Valuation\***

**Amount of Filing Fee\***

Not applicable

Not applicable

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o third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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Attached is an email communication to employees of Pharmion Corporation with the titles of Vice President or Director from Pam Herriott, Vice President of Human Resources, regarding clarification of the email communication to Pharmion employees from Pam Herriott announcing an Option Exchange Program. The text of the email communication from Pam Herriott to Pharmion employees announcing an Option Exchange Program was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2006, and is incorporated herein by reference. At the time the Option Exchange Program commences, Pharmion will provide option holders who are eligible to participate in the exchange with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the Option Exchange Program. Pharmion will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a tender offer statement upon the commencement of the Option Exchange Program. **PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTION EXCHANGE PROGRAM ARE URGED READ THESE WRITTEN MATERIALS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPTION EXCHANGE PROGRAM.** Pharmion stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by Pharmion with the Securities and Exchange Commission free of charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, stockholders and option holders of Pharmion may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by directing a request through the Investors Relations portion of Pharmion's website at <http://www.pharmion.com> or by mail to Pharmion Corporation, 2525 28th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80301, attention: Investor Relations, telephone: (720) 564-9100. You may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by Pharmion with the SEC at the SEC public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Room 1200, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or visit the SEC's website for further information on its public reference room.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

**Exhibit**

**Number Description**

99.2 Text of an email message to Vice Presidents and Directors of Pharmion from Pam Herriott, Vice President, Human Resources, of Pharmion, dated February 28, 2006.