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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

AND

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SCHEDULE 13D UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

CANAAN ENERGY CORPORATION
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION
(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE
(Title of Class of Securities)

134743 10 3
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary
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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the
statement relates:

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
 issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
 going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
 amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

333,149 SHARES

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(See Instructions)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.65%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

NEWS RELEASE

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LOGO APPEARS HERE]

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MARCH 15, 2002

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CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION DEFERS TENDER OFFER FOR
OUTSTANDING SHARES OF CANAAN ENERGY CORPORATION
PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH CANAAN MANAGEMENT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA - March 15, 2002 - Chesapeake Energy Corporation (NYSE:CHK) today announced that it has deferred the commencement of the \$12.00 per share cash tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of Canaan Energy Corporation (Nasdaq: KNAN) common stock. Chesapeake had announced on March 11, 2002 its intention to commence the tender offer within the next few days. Chesapeake's action was based upon the representations of senior management of Canaan of their willingness to engage in good faith discussions with Chesapeake management regarding the offer in the near future together with the request by Canaan management that Chesapeake delay commencement of the tender offer until after the discussions.

Aubrey K. McClendon, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake stated,

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"We remain committed to take our fair and full offer to the shareholders of Canaan and are pleased that Canaan's management and advisors have agreed to meet with us on this issue." McClendon cautioned, however, that Chesapeake may at any time commence or modify its proposed tender offer for Canaan shares, or terminate its tender offer plans.

On March 11, 2002, Chesapeake delivered to the board of directors of Canaan its \$12.00 per share cash offer, which represents an aggregate purchase price for the common stock on a fully diluted basis of approximately \$55 million plus the assumption of Canaan's debt, which was approximately \$42 million as of December 31, 2001. The price offered by Chesapeake represents a 31% premium over the closing price of \$9.15 on March 11, 2002, the last day prior to the announcement of Chesapeake's intent to commence a tender offer, and a 58% premium over Canaan's closing stock price of \$7.60 on November 26, 2001, the last trading day before Canaan's public announcement of Chesapeake's interest in acquiring Canaan.

ABOUT CANAAN

Canaan is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Canaan's Internet address is www.canaanenergy.com.

ABOUT CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake is among the 10 largest independent natural gas producers in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Chesapeake's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent region of the United States, where it is the second largest producer of natural gas. Chesapeake's Internet address is www.chkenergy.com.

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SIGNATURE

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

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARCUS C. ROWLAND

Name: Marcus C. Rowland
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 15, 2002

