INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY Form SC TO-C October 02, 2009

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

INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY

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

Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$0.00015625 par value per share (Title of Class of Securities)

459902

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities Underlying Common Stock)

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of Filing Persons)

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Amount of Filing Fee *

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This filing contains only preliminary communications made before the commencement of an anticipated tender offer to allow eligible employees of International Game Technology (IGT) who hold eligible stock options to exchange their stock options for new stock options (the Exchange Program).

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is a communication to employees of IGT, dated October 1, 2009, sent by Patti S. Hart, President and Chief Executive Officer of IGT, announcing shareholder approval of the Exchange Program at the special meeting of shareholders held on September 30, 2009.

IGT has not commenced the Exchange Program which is discussed above. IGT will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the SEC containing important information about the Exchange Program if and when we start the Exchange Program. Persons who may be eligible to participate should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, including the offer to exchange and other related materials, which will be available free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

Item 12. Exhibits

Exhibit Number		Description
99.1	Communication to Employees, dated October 1, 2009	
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