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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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

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

Options to Purchase Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

930059100

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

Daniel C. Schulte Secretary Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. 6300 Lamar Avenue Overland Park, Kansas 66202 Telephone: (913) 236-2000

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

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Telephone: (214) 220-7700

Calculation of Filing Fee

Transaction Valuation Amount*

Amount of Filing Fee

\$29,413,998.00 \$2,706.09**

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Calculated solely for purposes of determining the filing fee. This amount assumes that options to purchase 8,064,361 shares of Class A Common Stock of Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. having an aggregate value of \$29,413,998 will be exchanged pursuant to this offer. The aggregate value of such options was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals \$92 per \$1 million of the value of the transaction.

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- o third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- ý issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- o going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- o 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: ý

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This final Amendment No. 3 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 2002, and as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on March 3, 2003 and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on March 11, 2003 (as amended, the "Schedule TO") reports the results of the Company's offer to exchange unexercised options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), that have an exercise price of \$25.4375 or greater that are outstanding under the Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "Plan"), the Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. 1998 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended, and the Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. 1998 Executive Deferred Compensation Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated, and that are held by the Company's employees, consultants, financial advisors and directors other than Keith A. Tucker, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, for a certain number of restricted shares of the Common Stock to be issued under the Plan, upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Offer to Exchange and the Letter of Transmittal.

ITEM 4.

Item 4 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended to add the following sentences:

"The Offer expired at 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on March 14, 2003. Pursuant to the Offer, we accepted for exchange Eligible Options to purchase an aggregate of 7,528,346 shares of our Class A Common Stock. We issued 1,541,431 shares of Restricted Stock in exchange for the Eligible Options surrendered and accepted in the Offer."

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Amendment No. 3 to Schedule TO is true, complete and correct.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

/s/ DANIEL C. SCHULTE

By: Daniel C. Schulte

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 17, 2003

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<u>ITEM 4.</u>

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