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ENERGY PARTNERS LTD Form SC TO-C August 28, 2006

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

ENERGY PARTNERS, LTD.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

ATS INC.

an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of

WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

(Names of Filing Persons (Offeror))

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

29270U105

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Jeff Soine ATS Inc.

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 $(Name, Address\ and\ Telephone\ Number\ of\ Person\ Authorized\ to\ Receive\ Notices\ and\ Communications\ on\ Behalf\ of\ Name, Address\ of\ Name,$

Filing Persons)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release, dated August 28, 2006

Open letter to employees of Energy Partners, Ltd., dated August 28, 2006