

NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING INC
Form SC TO-T/A
May 17, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14D-100)

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)

NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING INC.

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

GRAIL ACQUISITION CORPORATION,

a wholly owned subsidiary of

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

(Name of Filing Persons (offeror))

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

(including associated Rights)

(Title of Class of Securities)

652228107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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General Dynamics Corporation

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices
and Communications on Behalf of the Person(s) Filing Statement)

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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

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

General Dynamics Corporation, a Delaware corporation (General Dynamics), and Grail Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Purchaser) and wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics hereby amend and supplement their Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed on May 4, 2001 and amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1 thereto dated May 10, 2001 and Amendment No. 2 thereto dated May 14, 2001 (as so amended and supplemented, the Schedule TO) with respect to Purchaser s offer to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the Shares), of Newport News Shipbuilding Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the Company), at a price of \$67.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, less any required withholding taxes and without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which have been previously filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Offer to Purchase.

Item 11. Additional Information.

Item 11 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following information:

The following complaint has been filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, against the Company and members of its Board of Directors:

Date Filed	Case Name and Civil Action No.
May 16, 2001	Eric van Gelder v. William P. Fricks, et. al., C.A. No. 18886 NC (the van Gelder Complaint)

The complaint purports to be filed by a stockholder of the Company and includes a request for a declaration that the action be maintainable as a class action. It seeks, among other things, injunctive relief, unspecified damages and fees of attorneys and experts. A copy of the complaint is filed as an exhibit to the Purchaser s Schedule TO. The following description of the complaint does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the complaint.

The van Gelder Complaint is similar to the Ellis Investments Complaint, the Bovie Complaint and the Weitschner Complaint. It alleges, among other things, that the defendants failed to solicit competing bids for the Company and have refused to take steps to ensure that the stockholders of the Company will receive maximum value for their Shares. Included in the relief sought by the complaint is a request for an order that the individual defendants carry out their fiduciary duties to the stockholders of the Company.

The Company believes that this complaint is without merit and intends to vigorously contest the lawsuit.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following exhibit:

- (a)(5)(xi) Complaint filed by Eric van Gelder in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 16, 2001.

SIGNATURE

After due 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.

GRAIL ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By: /s/ DAVID A. SAVNER

David A. Savner
Vice President and Secretary

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

By: /s/ DAVID A. SAVNER

David A. Savner
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: May 17, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
(a)(1)(i)	Offer to Purchase dated May 4, 2001.
(a)(1)(ii)	Form of Letter of Transmittal.
(a)(1)(iii)	Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
(a)(2)	None.
(a)(3)	Not applicable.
(a)(4)	Not applicable.
(a)(5)(i)	Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees.

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- (a)(5)(ii) Form of Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees.
- (a)(5)(iii) Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.
- (a)(5)(iv) Press Release issued by General Dynamics on May 4, 2001.
- (a)(5)(v) Summary Advertisement as published in the Wall Street Journal on May 4, 2001.
- (a)(5)(vi) Press Release issued by General Dynamics on May 10, 2001.
- (a)(5)(vii) Complaint filed by Patricia Heilmuller, Trustee, in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 9, 2001.
- (a)(5)(viii) Complaint filed by Ellis Investments, Ltd. in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 10, 2001.
- (a)(5)(ix) Complaint filed by David Bovie in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 10, 2001.
- (a)(5)(x) Complaint filed by Efreim Weitschner in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 10, 2001.
- *(a)(5)(xi) Complaint filed by Eric van Gelder in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on May 16, 2001.
- (b) Financing Commitment Letter dated April 30, 2001 to General Dynamics from Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Bear Stearns Corporate Lending Inc.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d)(1) Agreement and Plan of Merger dated April 24, 2001, by and among General Dynamics, the Purchaser and the Company (incorporated herein by reference to General Dynamics' Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 24, 2001).
- (d)(2) Confidentiality Agreement dated March 26, 2001, between General Dynamics and the Company.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Section 262 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (included as Schedule II to the Offer to Purchase).
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

* Filed herewith; all others previously filed.