DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP Form SC TO-C August 19, 2015

UNITED STATES 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

DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

DENALI ACQUISITION SUB CORP.

a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Names of Filing Persons (Offeror))

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a planned tender offer by Denali Acquisition Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation (Acquisition Sub) and wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Seagate HDD Cayman, an exempted company with limited liability organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (Parent), itself a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Seagate Technology Public Limited Company (Seagate), for all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Dot Hill Systems Corp. (Dot Hill), to be commenced pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, dated as of August 18, 2015, by and among Parent, Acquisition Sub and Dot Hill.

The tender offer for the outstanding shares of Dot Hill described herein has not yet commenced. This communication is provided for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities of Dot Hill pursuant to the tender offer by Acquisition Sub or otherwise. Any offers to purchase or solicitations of offers to sell will be made only pursuant to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (including the offer to purchase, the letter of transmittal and other documents relating to the tender offer) which will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by Seagate, Parent and Acquisition Sub. In addition, Dot Hill will file with the SEC a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the tender offer. Dot Hill s stockholders are advised to read these documents, any amendments to these documents and any other documents relating to the tender offer that are filed with the SEC carefully and in their entirety prior to making any decision with respect to Acquisition Sub s tender offer because they contain important information, including the terms and conditions of the offer. Dot Hill s stockholders may obtain copies of these documents (when they become available) for free at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

Exhibits

Exhibit NumberExhibit Description99.1Joint Press Release of Seagate Technology PLC and Dot Hill Systems Corp., dated August 18, 2015.

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