

MERCATOR SOFTWARE INC

Form SC TO-C

August 06, 2003

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 14d-100)**

**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(D)(1) OR 13(E)(1) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

MERCATOR SOFTWARE, INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

**GREEK ACQUISITION CORPORATION
ASCENTIAL SOFTWARE CORPORATION**

(Names of Filing Persons Offeror)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE
(Title of Class of Securities)

712713106
(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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On August 4, 2003, Ascential announced the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 2, 2003 (the Merger Agreement), by and among Ascential Software Corporation (Ascential), Greek Acquisition Corporation (Purchaser) and Mercator Software, Inc. (Mercator); a Stock Tender Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2003, by and among Ascential, Purchaser and certain directors and executive and other officers of Mercator set forth therein (the Stock Tender Agreement); and a Common Stock Option Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2003, by and among Ascential, Purchaser and Mercator (the Option Agreement). On August 5, 2003, Ascential filed the Merger Agreement, the Stock Tender Agreement and the Option Agreement as Exhibits 2.1, 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to Ascential s Current Report on Form 8-K. For more information, please refer to the Merger Agreement, the Stock Tender Agreement and the Option Agreement which are incorporated by reference into this filing.

This document is for informational purposes only and is not an offer to buy or a solicitation of an offer to sell any shares. If a tender offer is commenced, the solicitation and the offer to buy Mercator s common stock will be made pursuant to an Offer to Purchase (and related materials) which will be sent to all Mercator stockholders. The Offer to Purchase will contain important information and should be read by stockholders. In connection with such tender offer, a statement on Schedule TO, which will include the Offer to Purchase and other exhibits, will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). All documents filed with the SEC can be examined for free at the SEC web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). They are also available without charge by calling Ascential s Investor Relations department at 508.366.3888 or by sending a written request to Investor Relations, Ascential Software Corporation, 50 Washington Street, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581.