AMCOL INTERNATIONAL CORP Form SC TO-C March 19, 2014

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

AMCOL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

MA ACQUISITION INC.

a wholly owned subsidiary of

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

(Names of Filing Persons)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

02341W103

(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 MA Acquisition Inc., a Delaware corporation (<code>Purchaser</code>) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minerals Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation (the <code>Company</code>), for all of the outstanding shares of common stock of AMCOL International Corporation, a Delaware corporation (<code>AMCOL</code>), to be commenced pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 10, 2014, by and among the Company, Purchaser and AMCOL.

The tender offer referred to in this filing has not yet commenced. This filing, including the exhibit hereto, are for informational purposes only and they are neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of AMCOL s common stock. At the time any such tender offer is commenced, the Company will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, containing an offer to purchase, a form of letter of transmittal and other related tender offer documents with the SEC, and AMCOL will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement relating to such tender offer with the SEC. AMCOL s stockholders are strongly advised to read these tender offer materials

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carefully and in their entirety when they become available, as they may be amended from time to time, because they will contain important information about such tender offer that AMCOL s stockholders should consider prior to making any decisions with respect to such tender offer. Once filed, stockholders of AMCOL will be able to obtain a free copy of these documents at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Transcript of Conference Call held by the Company on March 18, 2014.