Hillshire Brands Co Form SC TO-C July 02, 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

THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY

(Name of Subject Company)

TYSON FOODS, INC.

HMB HOLDINGS, INC.

(Names of Filing Persons — Offeror) Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

432589109

(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

David L. Van Bebber Executive Vice President and General Counsel Tyson Foods, Inc. 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, Arkansas 72762-6999 (479) 290-4000

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Exhibit No. Description

- 99.1 Internal announcement issued by the Company on July 2, 2014
- 99.2 Letter to the Hillshire Brands employees issued by the Company on July 2, 2014