

CHATTEM INC  
Form SC TO-C  
December 21, 2009

**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**

**CHATTEM, INC.**

**(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))**

**RIVER ACQUISITION CORP.**

**SANOFI-AVENTIS**

**SANOFI-AVENTIS AMERIQUE DU NORD S.N.C.**

**AVENTIS INC.**

**(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))**

**Common Stock, without par value (including the associated**

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Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights)

(Title of Class of Securities)

162456107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Transaction Valuation\*  
Not Applicable\*

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x third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Joint Press Release issued by sanofi-aventis and Chattem, Inc. on December 21, 2009.
99.2	Sanofi-aventis presentation for investor/analyst conference call, dated December 21, 2009.
99.3	Presentation regarding sanofi-aventis, dated December 21, 2009.
99.4	Presentation regarding Chattem, Inc., dated December 21, 2009.