

BANCROFT FUND LTD  
Form SC TO-I/A  
March 05, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Amendment No. 2

BANCROFT FUND LTD.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

BANCROFT FUND LTD., as Offeror

(Name of Filing Persons (Identifying Status as Offeror, Issuer or Other Person))

Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

059695106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Thomas H. Dinsmore

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person  
authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation\*  
\$14,704,653

Amount of Filing Fee\*  
\$577.89

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\* Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the filing fee in accordance with Rule 0-11(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by Fee Advisory #4 for Fiscal Year 2008, effective December 14, 2007, equals \$39.30 per million of transactional value.

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Filing Party: Bancroft Fund Ltd.  
Date Filed: 1/31/2008

o Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes to designate any transactions to which this statement relates:

- o third party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- x issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- o going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- o amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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

This Amendment No. 2 amends and supplements the Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Bancroft Fund Ltd. (the "Fund") on January 31, 2008, and amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on February 29, 2008, pursuant to Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with its offer to purchase up to 758,754 (approximately 12.5%) shares of beneficial interest of the Fund, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Offer"), at a price of 95% of net asset value per share as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the date of the Expiration of the Offer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated January 31, 2008 (the "Offer to Purchase") and in the related Letter of Transmittal, which have been filed as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) to this Schedule TO, respectively.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated into this Amendment No. 2 by reference in response to all of the applicable items in Schedule TO, except that such information is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent specifically provided herein.

Item 11. Additional Information.

Item 11 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following:

The tender offer expired at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, February 29, 2008. Based on the final count by the Depositary for the Offer, 2,294,566 shares of beneficial interest of the Fund were properly tendered and not withdrawn. The Fund accepted 880,154 shares for payment at \$19.36 per share (which was equal to 95% of net asset value per share as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 29, 2008). Because the number of shares properly tendered and not withdrawn exceeded the number of shares accepted for payment, shares are being accepted for payment on a pro rata basis. The Fund will return to tendering shareholders all shares not accepted for payment. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit (a)(8) to this Schedule TO and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following:

(a)(8) Press release issued on March 5, 2008.

Signature

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

BANCROFT FUND LTD.

By: /s/ Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Name: Thomas H.  
Dinsmore  
Title: Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer

Dated: March 5, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Purchase, dated January 31, 2008.\*
- (a)(1)(ii) Form of Letter of Transmittal.\*
- (a)(1)(iii) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees.\*
- (a)(1)(iv) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.\*
- (a)(1)(v) Form of Letter to Clients of Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.\*
- (a)(2) None.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (a)(4) Not applicable.
- (a)(5) Press release issued on January 31, 2008.\*
- (a)(6) Press release issued on February 29, 2008.\*
- (a)(7) Press release issued on February 29, 2008.\*
- (a)(8) Press release issued on March 5, 2008.\*\*
- (b) None.
- (d) Agreement by and among Bancroft Fund Ltd., Philip Goldstein, Bulldog Investors, Opportunity Partners, L.P., Andrew Dakos, Full Value Partners, L.P., Opportunity Income Plus Fund, L.P., Calapasas Investment Partners, L.P., Mercury Partners, L.P., Steady Gain Partners, L.P. and Full Value Offshore Partners, L.P., dated January 11, 2008.\*
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

\* Previously filed.

\*\* Filed herewith.