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A unit of DPC Acquisition Partners launched a \$ 10-a-share tender offer for the shares outstanding of Dataproducts Corp. , and said it would seek to liquidate the computer-printer maker " as soon as possible . " even if a merger is n't consummated .

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DPC Acquisition is controlled by Crescott Investment Associates , Wilson Investment Group , Kernel Corp. and Catalyst Partners .

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The investor group owns 1,534,600 Dataproducts common shares , of a 7.0 % stake .

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The offer is based on several conditions , including obtaining financing .

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In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission , DPC Acquisition said it expects it will need about \$ 215 million to buy the shares and pay related fees and expenses .

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DPC Acquisition added that it has not begun discussions with financing sources , and said it expected to repay the amounts borrowed through proceeds of the liquidation .

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Dataproducts officials declined to comment , and said they had not yet seen a suit filed in federal court by DPC Acquisition that seeks to nullify a standstill agreement between DPC Acquisition and Dataproducts .

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Earlier this year , DPC Acquisition made a \$ 15-a-share offer for Dataproducts , which the Dataproducts board said it rejected because the \$ 283.7 million offer was not fully financed .

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Dataproducts has since started a restructuring , and has said it is not for sale .