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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE TO**

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**LISATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

**KUVA ACQUISITION CORP.**  
(Offeror)

A direct wholly owned subsidiary of

**KUVA LABS INC.**  
(Parent of Offeror)

(Names of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))

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**Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value Per Share**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**128058302**  
(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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- Third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.  
 Issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.  
 Going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.  
 Amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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If applicable, check the appropriate box(es) below to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon:

- Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
  - Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)
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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 Kuva Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation (“Purchaser”) and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Kuva Labs Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Parent”), for all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Lisata Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company” or “Lisata”), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 6, 2026 (as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the “Merger Agreement”), among Parent, Purchaser and the Company.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

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THE TENDER OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION AND THE PARTIES THERETO IF AND WHEN SUCH TENDER OFFER MATERIALS AND SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 ARE FILED WITH THE SEC. INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF LISATA ARE URGED TO READ THESE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE (AND EACH AS IT MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME) BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION REGARDING TENDERING THEIR COMMON SHARES IN THE TENDER OFFER IF COMMENCED.

Both the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement will be sent free of charge to all of Lisata’s stockholders if the tender offer is commenced. A free copy of the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement will also be made available to all stockholders of Lisata, if the tender offer is commenced, by accessing <https://ir.lisata.com> or by contacting Investor Relations at (908) 842-0084. In addition, if the tender offer is commenced, the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement (and all other documents filed with the SEC) will be available at no charge on the SEC’s website: [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), upon filing with the SEC.

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## Item 12. Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Exhibit 99.1</a>	Press Release, issued by Parent on May 4, 2026.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:**

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**Kuva Intends to Commence Tender Offer for Lisata  
Therapeutics by May 29, 2026**

*Kuva reaffirms commitment to previously announced acquisition terms*

**HOUSTON, TX — May 4, 2026** — On May 3, 2026, Kuva Labs, Inc. (“Kuva” or “Parent”) and Lisata Therapeutics, Inc. (“Lisata”) (Nasdaq:LSTA), together with Kuva’s wholly owned subsidiary Kuva Acquisition Corp. (“Kuva Acquisition”), entered into an amendment and waiver (the “Amendment and Waiver”) to the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 6, 2026, by and among Kuva, Kuva Acquisition and Lisata (the “Merger Agreement”). Pursuant to the Amendment and Waiver, Kuva and Lisata, agreed to extend the date by which Kuva Acquisition is obligated to commence the tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Lisata (the “Offer”) from April 13, 2026 to May 29, 2026, or such other date as may be agreed to between the Company and Kuva. Kuva intends to commence the Offer to acquire Lisata on or before May 29, 2026, on the terms set forth in the Merger Agreement. Pursuant to the Amendment and Waiver, Kuva has agreed to cover certain of Lisata’s operating expenses until the Offer is commenced.

“We remain committed to completing this transaction,” said Mark Land, Chief Executive Officer of Kuva.

**About Kuva**

*Kuva is a clinical bioscience company developing the proprietary NanoMark direct MR imaging platform. Kuva was founded in 2019, after its founders experienced tragic losses in cancer cases which could have been presented with better tools. In partnership with leading oncology research organizations Kuva is seeking to transform the way cancer is seen and ultimately treated. This technology enables the selective and unambiguous imaging of solid tumors with the highest contrast and spatial resolution without the use of ionizing radiation. This information speeds both accurate diagnosis and treatment - delivering better and quicker clinical intervention and better overall outcomes. For more information, please visit [www.kuvalabs.com](http://www.kuvalabs.com).*

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