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SCHEDULE 14A
(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT
SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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LIQUID AUDIO, INC.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MM COMPANIES, INC.,
JEWELCOR MANAGEMENT, INC., BARINGTON COMPANIES EQUITY PARTNERS,
L.P., RAMIUS SECURITIES, LLC, DOMROSE SONS PARTNERSHIP,
JAMES A. MITAROTONDA and SEYMOUR HOLTZMAN
(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement if Other Than the Registrant)

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On September 20, 2002, MM Companies, Inc. distributed the following materials to certain stockholders of Liquid Audio, Inc.:

MM COMPANIES, INC.
C/O BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P.
888 SEVENTH AVENUE
17TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10019

TO: Liquid Audio, Inc. Stockholders

MM COMPANIES GROUP IS INVITING LIQUID AUDIO, INC. SHAREHOLDERS TO
ATTEND AN INFORMAL MEETING PRIOR TO LIQUID'S ANNUAL MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

NEW YORK, NY - - September 23, 2002 - - Seymour Holtzman, Chairman of the Board, and James Mitarotonda, President and Chief Executive Officer, of MM Companies, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: MMCO) announced that their group is inviting Liquid Audio, Inc. (NASDAQ: LQID) stockholders to attend an informal meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at Hotel Sofitel San Francisco Bay at Redwood Shores, 223 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, California. Liquid Audio, Inc. is holding their Annual Meeting of Stockholders at the same hotel at 10:00 a.m.

We invite the management of Liquid Audio to participate in our meeting, which will be an open forum allowing shareholders to freely express their views and ask any questions without any formal restrictions that Liquid Audio may require at the annual meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the future of the company. We sincerely hope that Liquid Audio's management will attend our meeting.

All shareholders of Liquid Audio are invited to attend.

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51 MERCEDES WAY
EDGEWOOD, NY 11717

IMPORTANT

Dear Shareholder:

The Liquid Audio annual meeting is less than 1 week away. We have set up a procedure by which you can vote your shares by telephone at no cost to you. Instructions for voting your shares are provided below.

MM Companies reported today that Institutional Shareholders Services ("ISS"), the world's leading proxy voting advisory service, has recommended that its clients vote for - the two director nominee nominated by the MM Companies group - James Mitarotonda and Seymour Holtzman - at the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for September 26, 2002.

You are cordially invited to meet members of the MM Companies group - Seymour Holtzman and Jim Mitarotonda - at a continental breakfast reception at 9:00 a.m. at the Hotel Sofitel on the Mezzanine Level in Salon 2. We hope to personally meet with as many Liquid Audio shareholders to discuss our proxy campaign.

TOLL-FREE PROXYGRAM OPERATORS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE COMPANY ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU NOW!!!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Call Toll-Free 1-877-880-9547, anytime, day or night.
2. Tell the operator that you wish to send a collect ProxyGram to ID No. 5832, The MM Companies Group in Opposition to Liquid Audio, Inc.
3. State your name, address and telephone number.
4. State the bank or broker at which your shares are held and your control number as shown below:

Name: