SONIC CORP Form 4 January 10, 2012

FORM 4

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

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SECURITIES

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAPLES MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SONIC CORP [SONC]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2012

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount

(D) Price

Common Stock

(City)

01/06/2012

1,266 M \$0 11,665 A (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/06/2012		M	1,266	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	1,266	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MAPLES MICHAEL J 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	X						

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Michael J. 01/09/2012 Maples

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares that vested in accordance with the terms of Restricted Stock Units granted January 6, 2011, providing for vesting of Restricted Stock Units in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries following the date of grant.

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