DONNELLY KEVIN

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

08/28/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| 1. Name and Add DONNELLY | * | ing Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RAMBUS INC [RMBS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 4440 EL CAM | IINO REAL | | (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2009 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP, Engineering | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| LOS ALTOS, | CA 94022 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 08/27/2009 M 20,000 A 89,118 D Stock 15.6719 \$ Common S 08/27/2009 18.9067 D 20,000 D 69,118 Stock (1)

1,787

D

\$ 19.42

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)

| 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 orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.6719 | 08/27/2009 | | M | 20,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 10/20/2009 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DONNELLY KEVIN 4440 EL CAMINO REAL LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

Senior VP, Engineering

Signatures

/s/ Michael Leshkiw, by power of attorney

08/31/2009

**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).
- The sale price reported in column 4 of Table 1 represents the weighted average sale price of the shares sold ranging from \$18.84 and
 (1) \$18.93 per share. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The option is fully vested.

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