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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAPLES MICHAEL J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC CORP [SONC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
7 3	(T)	~~		(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE			01/14/2012	Officer (give titleOther (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
OKLAHOM	IA CITY, O	K 73104	• /	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionAcquired (A) or			r	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/14/2012		M	1,643 (1)	A	\$0	13,308	D	
Common Stock	01/15/2012		M	1,378 (2)	A	\$0	14,686	D	

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)	Securities		saction Derivative e Securities tr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		sction of Derivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/14/2012		M		1,643	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,643	\$				
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/15/2012		M		1,378	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,378	\$				

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. Maples

01/17/2012

**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 14, 2010, providing for vesting of Restricted Stock Units in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries following the date of grant.
- (2) Represents shares that vested in accordance with the terms of Restricted Stock Units granted January 15, 2009, 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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