SONIC CORP Form 4 February 01, 2016

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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**SECURITIES** 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 may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

HUDSON J	CLIFFORD		Symbol SONIC (	onic corp [sonc]		Issuer (Ch	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 300 JOHNN	(First)  Y BENCH D	(Middle) PRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2016		X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
OKLAHOM	(Street)	73104	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed b	or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						lly Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y	Year) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion OnAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock							85,567	I	By self as trustee of trust	
Common Stock							9,855	I	Trustee of son's trust	
Common Stock							105,000 (1)	I	By family owned LLC	
Common Stock							209,338	I	By spouse as trustee of trust	

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.37	01/28/2016		A	3,404	(2)	01/28/2023	Common Stock	3,40
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.37	01/28/2016		A	99,435	(2)	01/28/2023	Common Stock	99,4

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>-</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HUDSON J CLIFFORD							
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE	X		Chief Executive Officer				
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104							

## **Signatures**

Carolyn C. Cummins for J. Clifford Hudson 02/01/2016

\*\*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) The reporting person owns 21% of the family limited liability company and disclaims beneficial ownership of the issuer's shares held by the family limited liability company except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.
- (2) One-third of the total number of options granted on January 28, 2016 will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the grant date.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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