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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Bartel Tony**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Stock

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

SONIC CORP [SONC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

01/28/2016

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

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

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common 01/28/2016

M 1,358 A \$0 3,423

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. NumborDerivati Securitic Acquire Dispose (Instr. 3,	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/28/2016		M		1,358	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	1,35
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.37	01/28/2016		A	5,136		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,130
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/28/2016		A	1,447		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,44

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Tony
Bartel

01/29/2016

**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) Shares vested on January 28, 2016 in accordance with the terms of Restricted Stock Units granted January 29, 2015, and were issued in shares of Sonic Corp. common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain restrictions.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units and Non-qualified Stock Options shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the Grant Date or (ii) the date of the Sonic Corp. annual shareholders' meeting in the following year.

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