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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Swade Michael R.</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SONUS NETWORKS INC [ SONS ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>SVP Worldwide Sales</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/16/2017</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
C/O SONUS NETWORKS, INC. 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>WESTFORD MA 01886</u>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2017		M		7,533 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	144,035	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2017		F		6,458 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$6.62	137,577	D	

**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. Transaction 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PSUs)	\$0	03/16/2017		M		7,533 <sup>(1)</sup>		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7,533 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	8,334 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents the vesting (at 90.4% of target) of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units (PSUs) granted on March 16, 2015 for the 2016 performance period. Performance for this award during the award's 2016 performance period was measured based on the Issuer's total shareholder return (TSR) compared to pre-established relative TSR goals, based on the TSR of the NASDAQ Telecommunications Index, that were set by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY BY DELIVERING SECURITIES TO THE ISSUER INCIDENT TO THE VESTING OF A SECURITY.
- The remaining PSUs will vest, if at all, on March 16, 2018.
- Amount reflects the forfeiture of (i) 8,333 PSUs of the aggregate amount granted on March 16, 2015 that failed to vest following the 2015 performance period based on the Issuer's performance for such 2015 performance period, and (ii) 800 PSUs of the aggregate amount granted on March 16, 2015 that failed to vest following the 2016 performance period based on the Issuer's performance for such 2016 performance period, each as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors at the end of the applicable performance period. The original aggregate number of PSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 16, 2015 was reported in Table II of Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person on March 17, 2015.

**Remarks:**

Michael R. Swade

03/20/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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