FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lai Elmer A.</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONUS NETWORKS INC [SONS] | | | | | | | | | k all applic Directo | able) | g Person(s) to Iss 10% O Other (| | wner | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONUS NETWORKS, INC. 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2011 | | | | | | | | | below) | | | below) | poony | | |
| (Street) WESTFORD MA 01886 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | - | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line) X | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | saction | ear) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securi Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquir I Of (D) (Ins | ed (A) | or 5. Amou 4 and Securitie Benefici | | nt of s ally ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | : Direct Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Table II - Derivati | | | | | ative ' | | | Sec | Code V | | Amount | (0) | | ce | Transact (Instr. 3 a | tion(s) | | | (11311.4) | |
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | lly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | opiration | Title | Amor or Numl of Share | ber | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.28 | 10/17/2011 | | | A | | 35,000 | | (1) | 10 |)/17/2021 | Common Stock | 35,0 | 000 | \$0 | 35,000 |) | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 25% of the shares underlying this option vests on October 17, 2012. The remaining 75% of the shares underlying this option will then vest in equal monthly increments for the following 36 months through October 17, 2015.

Remarks:

Elmer A, Lai

10/19/2011

** 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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