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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Bruny Steven M (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE | | | | 2. <u>R</u> | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ribbon Communications Inc. [RBBN] | | | | | | | | | all applica Director | able) | g Pers | on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s below) | ner | |
| | | | | 03 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2020 | | | | | | | | | | EVP Global Operations | | | | |
| (Street) WESTF(| | IA State) | 01886 (Zip) | | _ 4. | If Ame | endment, [| Oate o | of Original F | iled (| Month/Da | ay/Year) | | 6. Indiv ₋ine) X | Form file | ed by One | e Repo | (Check Apporting Persor | 1 |
| (City) | | | ble I - Noi | n-Deriv | vativ | /e Se | ecurities | s Ac | auired. I | Disn | osed o | of, or Be | eneficia | ally (| Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye | | Date, | Code (Instr. 8) | | | str. 3, 4 a | | | s Form (D) or (I) (In on(s) | | n: Direct I or Indirect E nstr. 4) (| 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | uired, Di , options | | | | | | wned | | | | |
| 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/Yea | , c | I. Transa Code (I | | 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 Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | S | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s | e s ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shai | er | | (Instr. 4) | ion(s) | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/16/2020 | | | A | | 25,000 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 25,00 | 00 | \$0 | 25,00 | 00 | D | |
| Restricted Stock | (1) | 03/16/2020 | | | Δ | | 162 038 | | (3) | | (3) | Common | 162.0 | 38 | \$0 | 162.0 | 38 | n | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

- 1. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ribbon Communications Inc. common stock.
- 2. The RSUs will vest in full on March 16, 2021.
- 3. The RSUs vest over a three-year period as follows: one-third of the restricted stock units shall vest on March 16, 2021, and thereafter, one-sixth of the remaining RSUs will vest every six months, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with the Issuer.

(3)

Remarks:

Units

(RSUs)

Steven M. Bruny

Stock

03/18/2020

162,038

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** Signature of Reporting Person

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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).

03/16/2020

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