

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 9, 2008

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-30229

(Commission File Number)

04-3387074

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE, WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01886

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 614-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 9, 2008, Sonus Networks, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release confirming the deadlines for stockholder proposals and director nominations for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders (the "2009 Annual Meeting"), which will be scheduled as appropriate.

The Company confirmed that if a stockholder wishes to have a proposal considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the 2009 Annual Meeting, the proposal must comply with the proxy rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), be stated in writing and be received by the Company on or before the close of business on Friday, January 9, 2009. This deadline is established by the SEC's proxy rules and is later than the deadline previously disclosed by the Company in the Company's proxy statement for its 2008 annual meeting (the "2008 Proxy Statement").

In addition, the Company confirmed that in order for a stockholder proposal, including nominations for directors, to be properly brought before the 2009 Annual Meeting, the proposal must comply with the Company's By-Laws and be received by the Secretary of the Company on or before the close of business on Friday, January 9, 2009. This deadline is established by the Company's By-Laws and is earlier than the deadline previously disclosed by the Company in the Company's 2008 Proxy Statement. Any proposals should be mailed to the Company at 7 Technology Park Drive, Westford, MA 01886, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 8.01 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

99.1 Press release of Sonus Networks, Inc. dated December 9, 2008.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 9, 2008

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

By:

/s/ Richard J. Gaynor

Richard J. Gaynor

Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press release of Sonus Networks, Inc. dated December 9, 2008.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SONUS NETWORKS CONFIRMS DEADLINES FOR SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Westford, MA, December 9, 2008 - Sonus Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: SONS), a market leader in IP communications infrastructure, today confirmed the deadlines for shareholder proposals and director nominations for its 2009 annual meeting of shareholders, which will be scheduled as appropriate.

If a shareholder wishes to have a proposal considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the 2009 annual meeting, the proposal must comply with the SEC's proxy rules, be stated in writing and be received by the Company on or before the close of business on Friday, January 9, 2009. This deadline is established by the SEC's proxy rules and is later than the deadline previously disclosed by the Company in the Company's proxy statement for its 2008 annual meeting.

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proposals should be mailed to the Company at 7 Technology Park Drive, Westford, MA 01886, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

About Sonus Networks

Sonus Networks, Inc. is a market leader in IP communications infrastructure for wireline and wireless service providers. With its comprehensive IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) solution, Sonus addresses the full range of carrier applications, including residential and business voice services, wireless voice and multimedia, trunking and tandem switching, carrier interconnection and enhanced services. Sonus' voice infrastructure solutions are deployed in service provider networks worldwide. Founded in 1997, Sonus is headquartered in Westford, Massachusetts. Additional information on Sonus is available at <http://www.sonusnet.com>.

This release may contain forward-looking statements regarding future events that involve risks and uncertainties. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to Item 1A "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and all subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which identify important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Risk factors include among others: the Company's ability to align its cost structure with market conditions, the impact of material weaknesses in our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting on our ability to report our financial results timely and accurately; the unpredictability of our quarterly financial results; risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's restatement of its historical stock option granting practices and accounting including regulatory actions; actions that may be taken by significant shareholders; risks associated with our international expansion; and the impact the current global financial market conditions may have on the telecommunications industry. Any forward-looking statements represent Sonus' views only as of today and should not be relied upon as representing Sonus' views as of any subsequent date. While Sonus may elect to update forward-looking statements at some point, Sonus specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, except as required by law.

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