

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Ahmed Hassan (Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>c/o Sonus Networks 5 Carlisle Rd. (Street)</p> <p>Westford, MA 01886 (City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Sonus Networks, Inc. (SONS)</p> | <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>March 12, 2003</p> | <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President and Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
| <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p> | | | <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> |

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 | 03/12/2003 | | P(1) | | 50,000 | A | \$1.59 (1) | 1,806,000 (2) | I | |
| Common Stock | 10/24/2002 | | G(3) | | 100,000 | D | | 5,855,331 (4) | D | |
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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) A family trust of the reporting person received 50,000 shares of SONS stock in connection with the redemption of shares in an exchange fund. The shares were valued at \$1.59 per share for the purpose of determining the number of shares distributable in connection with the redemption.
- (2) Includes 1,806,000 shares held by two trusts for the benefit of Mr. Ahmed's family and minor children. Mr. Ahmed disclaims any beneficial interest in these 1,806,000 shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interests therein.
- (3) This transaction was reportable on Form 5 for the fiscal year ended 12/31/02.
- (4) Includes 3,772 shares acquired under the SONS employee stock purchase plan in January, 2002 and 2,500 shares acquired under the SONS employee stock purchase plan in January, 2003. Includes shares of restricted stock which are subject to repurchase by the issuer if Mr. Ahmed ceases to be employed by SONS. The right of repurchase on the common stock lapses over time depending upon the purchase date of the restricted stock and the respective purchase agreements.

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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