SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO-C (RULE 13e-4) TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

OPTIONS TO PURCHASE COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE (Title of Class of Securities)

> 835916107 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities) (Underlying Common Stock)

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|_| amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

The following is an excerpt of the script of a public teleconference related to Sonus Networks, Inc. ("Sonus") that was orally presented on October 9, 2002, by Stephen J. Nill, the Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance and Administration and Treasurer of Sonus. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO HOLDERS OF STOCK OPTIONS TO EXCHANGE SUCH OPTIONS.

At the time Sonus commences its offer to exchange eligible options, it will file a Tender Offer Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. THE TENDER OFFER STATEMENT (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO EXCHANGE OUTSTANDING STOCK OPTIONS, A STATEMENT OF STOCK OPTION GRANTS AND ELECTION FORM AND OTHER OFFER DOCUMENTS) WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFER. The Offer to Exchange Outstanding Stock Options, the Statement of Stock Option Grants and Election Form and certain other offer documents will be made available to all holders of eligible Sonus options, at no expense to them. The Tender Offer Statement (including the Offer to Exchange Outstanding Stock Options, the Statement of Stock Option Grants and Election Form and all other offer documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) will also be available at no charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website, www.sec.gov.

SCRIPT EXCERPT

Finally, our employees remain our key asset. We have an incredibly talented team here at Sonus. Regarding employee compensation, Sonus stock options are a valuable currency, especially in light of the salary reductions we implemented earlier this year. We have decided to address the fact that 95% of our employees' options are under water by implementing a cancel and regrant program, and we will do so in accordance with the SEC's tender offer rules to allow for fixed accounting treatment. The details of this program will be available once it is filed with the SEC, which we expect to accomplish in the next few days.