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

November 28, 2017

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) 001-38267

(Commission File Number)

82-1669692 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE, WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01886 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 614-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On November 28, 2017, Sonus Networks, Inc. (the "Company") filed an amendment to its Restated Certificate of Incorporation to change the Company's name to "Ribbon Communications Inc." The name change was authorized by the Company's Board of Directors and is effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 28, 2017. A copy of the Certificate of Amendment of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

In connection with the Company's name change to "Ribbon Communications Inc.", the ticker symbol of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market will change from "SONS" to "RBBN" effective upon the commencement of trading on November 29, 2017.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

3.1

Certificate of Amendment of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.

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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: November 28, 2017

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

By: /s/ Matthew Thaler Matthew Thaler General Counsel and Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

(Pursuant to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware)

Sonus Networks, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "General Corporation Law"),

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: The Board of Directors of the Corporation duly adopted resolutions, pursuant to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law, setting forth an amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") and declaring said amendment to be advisable and in the best interests of the Corporation.

SECOND: The Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety Article I thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following replacement Article I:

"The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is Ribbon Communications Inc."

THIRD: This Certificate of Amendment shall be effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 28, 2017.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Corporation has caused this Certificate of Amendment of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be signed by its President and Chief Executive Officer this 28th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Raymond P. Dolan Raymond P. Dolan President and Chief Executive Officer

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