

**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

June 29, 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)

001-34115

(Commission File Number)

04-3387074

(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)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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

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.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

In connection with the transaction (the "Transaction") contemplated by the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 23, 2017, by and among Sonus Networks, Inc. (the "Company"), Solstice Sapphire Investments, Inc., a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("NewCo"), Solstice Sapphire, Inc., a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NewCo, Green Sapphire Investments LLC, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NewCo, Green Sapphire LLC, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of NewCo, GENBAND Holdings Company ("GENBAND"), GENBAND Inc. ("GB") and GENBAND II, Inc. ("GB II" and, together with GENBAND and GB, the "GENBAND Parties") (the "Merger Agreement"), the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on June 29, 2017 granted early termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act"), effective immediately.

The early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act satisfies one of the conditions to the closing of the Transaction. The consummation of the Transaction remains subject to the remaining closing conditions in the Merger Agreement.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

In connection with the proposed transaction, NewCo has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a joint proxy statement of the Company and the GENBAND Parties and a prospectus of NewCo, and the Company and the parties will file with the SEC other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. The Company will mail the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to the Company stockholders and the GENBAND Party equity holders. **THE COMPANY STOCKHOLDERS AND GENBAND PARTY EQUITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other filings containing information about the Company at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other filings may also be obtained free of charge from the Company's Investor Relations website (<http://investors.sonuset.com/>) or by requesting them from the Company corporate secretary at Sonus Networks, Inc., 4 Technology Park Drive, Westford, Massachusetts 01886, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

The Company, NewCo, the GENBAND Parties and certain of their respective directors and executive officers, under the SEC's rules, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of the Company's stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of (i) the Company and their ownership of Company common stock and (ii) the GENBAND Parties and their ownership of equity in the applicable GENBAND Party is set forth in the joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction may be obtained by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraphs.

NO OFFERS OR SOLICITATIONS

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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: June 29, 2017

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Snider
Jeffrey M. Snider
Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel
and Secretary