FORM 3

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  McCaffery Stephen J.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2021  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ribbon Communications Inc. [ RBBN ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS INC. 4 TECHNOLOGY PARK DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Po Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) EVP, EMEA and A	10% Ow Other (s below)	pecify 6. I	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)      Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(Street) WESTFORD MA 01886  (City) (State) (Zip)							by More than One Person
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Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Patrick Macken, Attorney-

01/19/2021

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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).

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Patrick Macken and Bruce W. McClelland, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer of Ribbon Communications Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Act and the rules thereunder, and any other forms or reports the undersigned may be required to file in connection with the undersigned's ownership, acquisition, or disposition of securities of the Company;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, or other form or report, and timely file such form or report with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming,

nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 11th day of January, 2021.

/s/ Stephen J. McCaffery

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Stephen J. McCaffery