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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

January 20, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

000-30229

04-3387074

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

250 APOLLO DRIVE, CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01824
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 614-8100
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On January 20, 2006, the Board of Directors of Sonus Networks, Inc. elected Howard E. Janzen to its Board of Directors and appointed Mr. Janzen to serve on the Board's Audit Committee.

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: January 24, 2006

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.

By: /s/ Charles J. Gray

Charles J. Gray
Corporate Secretary