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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Repor RICHARDSON FRANK	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	SONIC CORP [SONC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE		(Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2017	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	73104		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secı	ırities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							16,484	I	Trustee of children's trusts
Common Stock							1,500	I	By son
Common Stock	12/18/2017		M	9,209	A	\$ 11.19	1,061,699	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		S	3,670	D	\$ 28.2137 (1)	1,058,029	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. 3. Transaction Day Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11.19	12/18/2017		M	9,209	01/06/2014	01/06/2018	common stock	9,20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RICHARDSON FRANK E III 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	X					

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Frank E.
Richardson
12/19/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) This price represents the weighted average sales price. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$28.16 to \$28.28 per share. The reporting person will provide full details regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon the SEC's request.

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