SONIC CORP Form 4 January 23, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lavelle Kate S

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SONIC CORP [SONC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

Issuer

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

13,512

By trust

(9-02)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Stoc	qualified k Option t to buy)	\$ 25.4	01/19/2017		A	6,675	<u>(1)</u>	01/19/2024	Common Stock	6,675
	ricted k UInits	\$ 0	01/19/2017		A	1,772	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,772

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lavelle Kate S 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	X						

Signatures

Paige S. Bass for Kate S.
Lavelle
01/20/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Restricted Stock Units and Non-qualified Stock Options shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the Grant Date or (ii) the date of the Sonic Corp. annual shareholders' meeting in the following year.

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