

OBUS NELSON
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE LP | | (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2013 | ARI NETWORK SERVICES INC /WI [ARIS] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | |
| 450 SEVENTH AVENUE, Â SUITE 509 | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) | |
| NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10123 | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 374,304 | D <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Â |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 595,248 | I | See footnote <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 279,737 | I | See footnote <u>(3)</u> |

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

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE LP 450 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| WYNNEFIELD PARTNERS SMALL CAP VALUE LP I 450 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| WYNNEFIELD SMALL CAP VALUE OFFSHORE FUND LTD 450 SEVENTH AVE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC 450 SEVENTH AVE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| WYNNEFIELD CAPITAL INC 450 SEVENTH AVE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| OBUS NELSON 450 SEVENTH AVE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| LANDES JOSHUA 450 SEVENTH AVE SUITE 509 NEW YORK, NY 10123 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, General Partner, /s/ Nelson Obus, Managing Member_

05/09/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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| By: Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, General Partner, /s/ Nelson Obus, Managing Member_ | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| By: Wynnefield Capital, Inc., /s/ Nelson Obus, President | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Nelson Obus, Managing Member | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Nelson Obus, President | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Nelson Obus | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Joshua Landes | 05/09/2013 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. (the "Reporting Person") directly beneficially owns 374,304 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock") of ARI Network Services, Inc. Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC ("WCM"), as the sole general partner of the Reporting Person, has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that the reporting Person directly beneficially owns. WCM, located at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. Nelson Obus and Joshua Landes as co-managing members of WCM have an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person directly beneficially owns. Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes, each located at the same address as the Reporting Person, are filing this Form jointly with the Reporting person (see footnote 4).
- (2) The Reporting Person has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in 595,248 shares of Common Stock, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Partners Small Cap Value, L.P. I ("WPSCVI"), as members of a group (a "13D Group") under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). WPSCVI, which maintains offices at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. WCM, as the sole general partner of WPSCVI, has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that WPSCVI directly beneficially owns. Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes, as co-managing members of Wynnefield Capital Management, LLC, have an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that WPSCVI directly beneficially owns.
- (3) The Reporting Person has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in 279,737 shares of Common Stock, which are directly beneficially owned by Wynnefield Small Cap Value Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("Offshore"), as members of a 13D Group. Offshore, located at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. WCI, as the sole investment manager of Offshore, has an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that Offshore directly beneficially owns. WCI, located at the same address as the Reporting Person, is filing this Form jointly with the Reporting Person. Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes, as principal executive officers of WCI have an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the shares of Common Stock that Offshore directly beneficially owns.
- (4) Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities described in this statement, except to the extent of their individual pecuniary interest in such securities. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Obus and Mr. Landes are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities specified in this statement.

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Remarks:
 EachÂ ofÂ theÂ ReportingÂ OwnersÂ identifiedÂ inÂ thisÂ statementÂ disclaimsÂ beneficialÂ ownershipÂ ofÂ theÂ secur

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