

LAVELLE THOMAS R  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LAVELLE THOMAS R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
RAMBUS INC [RMBS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP & GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2012                           |  | A                              | 6,000 (1) A \$ 0  | 50,188  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/01/2012                           |  | F                              | 3,142 D \$ 7.31   | 47,046  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2012                           |  | F                              | 1,072 D \$ 7.29   | 45,974  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 0   | I  | See Footnote (2)                  |

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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 7.31  | 02/01/2012                           |  | A                              | 45,000  | 08/01/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/01/2022                     | Common Stock  | 45,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| LAVELLE THOMAS R<br>1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 |               |           | SVP & GC |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael Leshkiw, by power of attorney  
02/03/2012  
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) Shares are represented by restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Rambus Inc. common stock. The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2013.
- (2) Pursuant to the terms of a marital settlement agreement, the Reporting Person no longer beneficially owns the remaining shares previously reported as indirectly owned through his spouse.
- (3) One-tenth of the shares subject to the option vest on August 1, 2012 and the remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments until they are fully vested on February 1, 2016.

**Remarks:**

Transactions reported in Table 1, Code F reflect securities withheld to cover the tax liability for restricted stock units that vest

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