

HUGHES HAROLD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HUGHES HAROLD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4440 EL CAMINO REAL  
(Street)

LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/02/2009

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)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 6,000   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    | 02/02/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 34,000<br>(2) (3)   | A  | \$ 0                              |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 104,000   | (1) (2)  | D                                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 138,000   |  | 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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date                                   | Title        |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 02/02/2009                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | 02/02/2009   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 8.55  | 02/02/2009                           |  | A                              | 132,000   | 08/02/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 02/02/2019  | Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| HUGHES HAROLD<br>4440 EL CAMINO REAL<br>LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Michael Leshkiw, by Power of Attorney

02/04/2009

\_\_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) Includes 18,000 shares represented by restricted stock units ("RSUs"). These 18,000 RSUs reflect the balance of securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction in Table II, row 1 of this report on Form 4. The 18,000 RSUs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2010 or the first trading day after February 1. The initial RSU award was reported in Table II of Form 4 filed with the SEC on February 5, 2008.

(2) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of Rambus Inc.

(3) Shares are represented by RSUs. The RSUs will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 2, 2010 or the first trading day after February 2.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) The balance of unvested RSUs beneficially owned following the reported transaction is 18,000 RSUs and is now being reported in Table 1, row 1 of this report on Form 4.

(6) Ten percent of the shares subject to the option vest on August 2, 2009 and one fifty-fourth of the shares shall vest monthly thereafter.

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