

LAVELLE THOMAS R
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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 *
 LAVELLE THOMAS R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

4440 EL CAMINO REAL

02/02/2009

Sr. VP and General Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Price					
Common Stock	02/02/2009		M		3,000	A	\$ 0	62,000 ^{(1) (2)} _{(3) (4)}	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2009		F		1,291	D	\$ 8.55	60,709	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2009		A		10,296 _{(4) (5)}	A	\$ 0	71,005	D	
Common Stock								6,425 ⁽⁶⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽⁷⁾

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)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	02/02/2009		M	3,000	02/02/2009	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.55	02/02/2009		A	40,385	08/02/2009 ⁽¹⁰⁾ 02/02/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAVELLE THOMAS R 4440 EL CAMINO REAL LOS ALTOS, CA 94022			Sr. VP and General Counsel	

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 9,000 shares represented by restricted stock units ("RSUs"). These 9,000 RSUs reflect the balance of securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction in Table II, row 1 of this report on Form 4. The 9,000 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) Includes 20,000 RSUs previously reported in Table II of the Form 4 filed with the SEC on September 2, 2008. The 20,000 RSUs vest in four equal annual installments beginning on August 28, 2009.

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- Includes 30,000 shares represented by restricted stock units ("RSUs"). The 30,000 RSUs vest in three equal annual installments
- (3) beginning on the anniversary date of hire or the next open window until fully vested. The initial RSU award was reported in Table II of Form 4 filed with the SEC on October 22, 2007.
 - (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of Rambus Inc.
 - (5) Shares are represented by restricted stock units. The RSUs vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 2, 2010 or the first trading day after February 2.
 - (6) In the report of Form 4 filed with the SEC on September 2, 2008, the amount of shares beneficially owned indirectly by the Reporting Person was reported as 6,475 and was overstated by 50 shares.
 - (7) Shares held directly by the Thomas & Gayle Lavelle Family Trust for which the Reporting Person serves as a trustee.
 - (8) Not applicable.
 - (9) The balance of unvested RSUs beneficially owned following the reported transaction is 9,000 RSUs and is now being reported in Table 1, row 1 of this report on Form 4.
 - (10) 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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