

LAVELLE THOMAS R
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FORM 4

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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

(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)
02/01/2008

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)
Sr. V. P. Legal

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 02/01/2008 | A | 12,000 | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 19.86 | 02/01/2008 | A | 40,000 | | | | | 08/01/2008(3) | 02/01/2018 | Common Stock | 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| LAVELLE THOMAS R 4440 EL CAMINO REAL LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 | Sr. V. P. Legal |

Signatures

/s/ Michael Leshkiw, Power of Attorney
02/05/2008

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Rambus Inc.
- (2) 3,000 shares vest on February 2, 2009. Thereafter, the remaining shares shall vest in equal installments of 3,000 shares on each one-year anniversary or the first trading day after February 1.
- (3) The option vests at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the option grant six months from the date of February 1, 2008, thereafter the remaining shares shall vest 1/60th in consecutive monthly installments until one hundred percent (100%) vested.

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