Bass Paige S Form 4 January 19, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Bass Paige S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SONIC CORP [SONC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2010

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Owned

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amoun Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securiti Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	· *			
				Code V	(A) (	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.74	01/14/2010		A	11,442	<u>(1)</u>	01/14/2017	Common Stock`	11,4
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 8.74	01/14/2010		A	28,581	<u>(1)</u>	01/14/2017	Common Stock	28,5
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/14/2010		A	13,341	(2)	(2)	Common Stock`	13,3

## **Reporting Owners**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bass Paige S							
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE			Vice President				

## **Signatures**

Paige S. Bass 01/15/2010

\*\*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) One-third of the total number of options granted on January 14, 2010 will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant.
- One-third of the total number of Restricted Stock Units granted will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant and will be issued in shares of Sonic Corp. common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain restrictions.

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