

SONIC CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HUDSON J CLIFFORD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE**  
  
(Street)

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SONIC CORP [SONC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/16/2013**

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)  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 505,412   | I  | By self as trustee of trust                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 313,256   | I  | By spouse as trustee of trust                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 48,575 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 82,000  | I <sup>(2)</sup>   | By family owned LLC                                   |



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The reporting person owns 21% of the family limited liability company and disclaims beneficial ownership of the issuer's shares held by the family limited liability company except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

- (3) One-third of the total number of options granted on January 16, 2013 will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant.

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