RAINBOLT H E GENE

Form 4

January 18, 2013

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] **RAINBOLT H E GENE**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **SONIC CORP [SONC]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/16/2013	(Check all applicable) __X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104		
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/18/2013		M		2,083 (1)	A	$ 0	2,083	I	By trust
Common Stock								144,845	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 Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	$ 11.07	01/16/2013		A		9,165		01/16/2014	01/16/2020	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	$ 0	01/16/2013		A		3,839		01/16/2014	01/16/2014	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	$ 0	01/18/2013		M			2,083	(1)	(1)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAINBOLT H E GENE 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	X			

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for H. E. Gene Rainbolt	01/18/2013
__**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)   Represents shares that vested in accordance with the terms of Restricted Stock Units granted January 18, 2012, providing for vesting of Restricted Stock Units in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries following the date of grant.

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