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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 *
 Pickett Christopher M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700
 (Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2012

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)
 SVP, Licensing

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/01/2012		A		23,888 (1)	A	\$ 0 44,874 D
Common Stock	02/01/2012		S(2)		18,706	D	\$ 7.3396 26,168 D (3)

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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.31	02/01/2012		A	20,000	08/01/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/01/2022	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pickett Christopher M 1050 ENTERPRISE WAY, SUITE 700 SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			SVP, Licensing	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Leshkiw, by power attorney
02/03/2012
 **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 performance restricted stock units that will vest on February 1, 2013. Each performance restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of Rambus Inc. common stock.
- (2) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 14, 2011.
The sale price reported in Column 4 of Table 1 represents the weighted average sale price of the shares sold ranging from \$7.28 to \$7.41 per share. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) One-tenth of the shares subject to the option vest on August 1, 2012 and the remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments until they are fully vested on February 1, 2016.

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