RAMBUS INC Form 4 September 02, 2008

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(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

LAVELLE THOMAS R

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(State)

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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RAMBUS INC [RMBS] (Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 4440 EL CAMINO REAL 08/28/2008

below) Sr. VP and General Counsel

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

(Zip)

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

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common See Ι

6,475 footnote (1) Stock

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Underlyin (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and			8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	08/28/2008		A	20,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	20,000	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAVELLE THOMAS R 4440 EL CAMINO REAL LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

Sr. VP and General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Michael Leshkiw, Power of Attorney

09/02/2008

**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) Shares previously reported as held directly by the Reporting Person are now held directly by the Thomas & Gayle Lavelle Family Trust for which the Reporting Person serves as a trustee.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of Rambus Inc.
- (3) 5,000 shares vest on August 28, 2009. Thereafter the remaining shares shall vest in equal installments of 5,000 shares on each one-year anniversary or the first trading day after August 28 until expiration on August 28, 2012.

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