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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Taylor Kathy L

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/14/2010

SONIC CORP [SONC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

_X__ Director

Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

1144 S LEWIS AVE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TULSA, OKÂ 74104

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Direct (D)

10% Owner

Other

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative Derivative Security:

5.

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Expiration Date

Exercisable Date

Security Amount or Number of

Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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| Non-qualifed stock option (right to buy) | (1) | 02/14/2017 | Common Stock | 52,204 | \$ 8.74 | D | Â |
|--|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|---------|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | (2) | Common | 17,401 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Taylor Kathy L 1144 S LEWIS AVE TULSA Â OKÂ 74104 | ÂX | Â | Â | Â | | |

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Kathy L.
Taylor

01/20/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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.
- (2) 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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