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(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and SMITH BI	-	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
C/O SONI INC., 4401	Е, ((Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2013					X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President and CSO					
				endment, I nth/Day/Ye	-		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 					
CHARLO	ГТЕ, NC 28211							Form filed b Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	-Derivativ	e Seci	urities Ac	equired, Disposed	l of, or l	Beneficia	ally Owne	d
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day,	ate, if	3.4. Securities AcquiredTransaction(A) or Disposed of (D)Code(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)(Instr. 8)				Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I)	rship Ir B (D) O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A)or(D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr.	4)		
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2013			F	6,438 (1)	D	\$ 22.16	255,069	D			
Class A Common Stock								69,686 <u>(2)</u>	Ι	o E	as a mem f SMDA Developn , LLC	L

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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative	Number Expiration Date of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
SMITH BRYAN SCOTT C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211	Х		President and CSO						
Signatures									
/s/ B. Scott 04/02/2 Smith 04/02/2	2013								

<u>**</u>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 delivered by the reporting person to Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Mr. Smith disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by SMDA Development I, LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

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