

RAMBUS INC  
Form SC TO-C  
April 30, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**SCHEDULE TO**

(Rule 13e-4)

**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Rambus Inc.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

**Options to Purchase Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**750917106**  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

(Underlying Options to Purchase Common Stock)

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**Harold Hughes**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

**Transaction Valuation**  
Not applicable\*

**Amount of Filing Fee**  
Not applicable\*

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\* A filing fee is not required in connection with this filing as it relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

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- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is being filed by Rambus Inc. pursuant to General Instruction D to Schedule TO with respect to a potential issuer tender offer.

**The PowerPoint presentation referenced as an exhibit below does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible stock options to exchange such options. The potential option exchange offer described therein has not commenced and will not commence unless and until Rambus decides to implement the option exchange offer. If the option exchange offer is pursued, Rambus will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) upon the commencement of the option exchange offer. Persons who may be eligible to participate in the option exchange offer should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, including the offer to exchange and other related materials, if and when those materials become available because they will contain important information about the option exchange offer. These written materials and other documents filed with the SEC may be obtained free of charge from the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, employees eligible to participate in the option exchange offer may obtain free copies of documents filed with the SEC by contacting Rambus or through the Rambus website at [www.rambus.com](http://www.rambus.com).**

**Item 12.**

**Exhibits.**

(a)(5) PowerPoint Presentation Rambus Employee All-Hands Meeting Option Exchange Offer, April 30, 2012.