RUBICON PROJECT, INC.

Form 4

November 17, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Kershaw Thomas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RUBICON PROJECT, INC. [RUBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2016

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner Other (specify below)

See remarks

C/O THE RUBICON PROJECT. INC., 12181 BLUFF CREEK DRIVE, 4TH FL

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOS ANGELES, CA 90094

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

Person

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Price Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Common 11/15/2016 Stock

125,000 \$0 Α (1) (2)

125,000 D

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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.72	11/15/2016		A	50,000	(3)	11/15/2026	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kershaw Thomas C/O THE RUBICON PROJECT, INC. 12181 BLUFF CREEK DRIVE, 4TH FL LOS ANGELES, CA 90094

See remarks

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Feldman, attorney-in-fact

11/17/2016

**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 restricted stock units that vest as follows: 31,250 RSUs on November 15, 2017 and 15,625 RSUs on each May 15 and November 15 thereafter until November 15, 2020.
- (2) Granted as compensation for services.
- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 50,000 shares, becomes exercisable with respect to 25% of the grant on October 3, 2017 and becomes exercisable with respect to the remainder in 36 equal installments each calendar month thereafter.

Remarks:

Chief Product and Engineering Officer

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