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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing D

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAZAR JACK R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Month			3. Date of (Month/E) 08/06/2	•	ransaction			Director 10% Owner Sofficer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer and VP			
SANTA CL	(Street) ARA,, CA 95054	4	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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq				ties Acqu	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/06/2008			M	15,000	A	\$ 2.26	37,667	D		
Common Stock	08/06/2008			S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 31.33	37,467	D		
Common Stock	08/06/2008			S <u>(1)</u>	4,800	D	\$ 31.32	32,667	D		
Common Stock	08/06/2008			S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 31.05	22,667	D		

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	TransactionDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 2.26	08/06/2008		M		15,000	10/03/2003(2)	10/03/2013	Common Stock	15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAZAR JACK R C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Chief Financial Officer and VP

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact 08/06/2008

**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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

All of the options became exercisable on 10/03/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase which lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 09/29/2004, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 10/29/2004.

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