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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH O BRUTON				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  _X_ Director  _X_ 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2014					X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chairman and CEO				
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28212				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SMITH O BRUTON C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X	X	Chairman and CEO			

# **Signatures**

/s/ O. Bruton Smith	03/19/2014		
**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

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