ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC

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Washington, D.C. 20549

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2007	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow) below) Chief Financial Officer and VP			
(Street)	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			

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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	12/17/2007		M	12,084	A	\$ 2.26	18,751	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2007		M	3,750	A	\$ 10.03	22,501	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2007		M	11,666	A	\$ 14.38	34,167	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2007		M	12,500	A	\$ 24.4	46,667	D	
	12/17/2007		S(1)	100	D	\$ 30.21	46,567	D	

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	300	D	\$ 30.2	46,267	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	1,200	D	\$ 30.19	45,067	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 30.18	44,867	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 30.16	44,767	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 30.07	44,667	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	100	D	\$ 30.06	44,567	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	100	D	\$ 30.02	44,467	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 30.01	44,067	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	600	D	\$ 30	43,467	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 29.99	43,367	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 29.985	43,267	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	100	D	\$ 29.98	43,167	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	100	D	\$ 29.968	43,067	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 29.96	41,867	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 29.959	41,767	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 29.958	41,467	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 29.957	41,267	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 29.955	41,067	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	700	D	\$ 29.95	40,367	D
	12/17/2007	S(1)	200	D	\$ 29.94	40,167	D

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Common Stock						
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 29.93 40,067	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 29.92 39,867	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 29.91 39,267	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 29.81 38,667	D
Common Stock	12/17/2007	S(1)	300	D	\$ 29.79 38,367	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqu or D (D)	urities (Month/Day/Yea uired (A) visposed of tr. 3, 4,		Underlying Sec		Securition
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 2.26	12/17/2007		M		12,084	10/03/2003(2)	10/03/2013	Common Stock	12,0
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.03	12/17/2007		M		3,750	(3)	01/21/2015	Common Stock	3,75
Employee Stock Options (right to	\$ 14.38	12/17/2007		M		11,666	<u>(4)</u>	01/18/2011	Common Stock	11,6

buy)

Employee

Stock

Options \$ 24.4 12/17/2007

M

12,500

(5)

02/01/2014

Common Stock

12.5

(right to buy)

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

12/19/2007

**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 lapses 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.
- (3) 25% of the options became exercisable on 1/21/2006, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/21/2006.
- (4) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/18/2006.
- (5) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 3/02/2007.

Remarks:

Remarks: Form 4 Filing 1 of 4 (continuation report): Related transactions effected by Reporting Person on December 17, 20 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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