

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Soroca Adam Lee</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE RUBICON PROJECT, INC. 12181 BLUFF CREEK DRIVE, 4TH FL (Street) PLAYA VISTA CA 90094 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RUBICON PROJECT, INC. [RUBI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Head of Global Buyer Team</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/15/2018</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2018 | | A | | 49,152 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 284,152 | D |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$1.97 | 03/15/2018 | | A | | 42,130 | | ⁽³⁾ | 03/15/2028 | Common Stock | 42,130 | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 42,130 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents restricted stock units that vest as follows: 15,360 on May 15, 2019, 6,144 on each November 15 and May 15 thereafter until November 15, 2021, and 3,072 on May 15, 2022.
- Granted as compensation for services.
- 25% of the stock options will vest on February 1, 2019 and the remaining option shares will become exercisable in 36 equal installments each calendar month thereafter.

Remarks:

Jonathan Feldman, attorney-in-fact 03/16/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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