

MENG TERESA H
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MENG TERESA H

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., 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SAN JOSE,, CA 95110
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/13/2010		M		30,000	A	\$ 1.72
					70,000	I	

By Teresa H. Meng Trust

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Director's Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 1.72	12/13/2010		M	30,000	03/13/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 03/13/2012	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MENG TERESA H C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE SAN JOSE,, CA 95110	X			

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact

12/14/2010

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) All of the options became exercisable on 3/13/2002. The shares underlying the options were subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that lapsed per the following schedule: 3,750 shares each month for six months beginning on 1/30/2004; 7,500 shares each month for three months beginning on 7/30/2004; 3,750 shares each month for nine months beginning on 10/30/2004; 7,500 shares on 7/30/2005; and 3,750 shares on 8/30/2005.

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