RUBICON PROJECT, INC.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Mandal Sumant Issuer Symbol RUBICON PROJECT, INC. [RUBI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 725 ARIZONA AVENUE, SUITE 03/14/2016 below) 304 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) \$ 1,099 Common 03/14/2016 J D 17.35 18,349 (3) D (1) Stock (2) See Common $3,584,732 \frac{(4)}{}$ **Footnotes** (5) Stock

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

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relations	ships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mandal Sumant 725 ARIZONA AVENUE X **SUITE 304** SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

Signatures

Sumant Mandal 03/15/2016 **Signature of 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).
- On March 14, 2016, the reporting person transferred a total of 1,099 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer (the "Shares") to certain lenders in connection with the repayment of outstanding loans.
- Reflects the closing sale price of the Shares on March 14, 2016, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange. **(2)**
- Reflects (i) 647 Shares received by the reporting person on March 14, 2016 in connection with pro rata distributions-in-kind of Shares for no consideration, (ii) 2,816 Shares directly beneficially owned by the reporting person and (iii) 14,886 Shares received by the reporting person in the form of restricted stock awards in connection with his service as a director of the issuer. The aforementioned distributions were made in accordance with the exemptions afforded by Rule 16a-13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 - Represents (i) 3,510,692 Shares directly beneficially owned by Clearstone Venture Partners III-A, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("CVP III-A"), (ii) 62,757 Shares directly beneficially owned by Clearstone Venture Partners III-B, a Delaware multiple series limited liability company ("CVP III-B" and, together with CVP III-A, the "Funds"), and (iii) 11,283 Shares directly beneficially owned by
- Clearstone Venture Management III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("CVM III"). CVM III is the general partner and managing member of CVP III-A and CVP III-B, respectively. The reporting person is a managing member of CVM III and a member of CVP III-B.
- (5) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by the Funds and CVM III, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any, and the inclusion of these Shares in the report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of the

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reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

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