FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| D | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP                           |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  STEVENSON RUSSELL B JR |  |              |                  |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]              |  |   |   |               |  |                                     |               | (Che  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify |  |  |  |              |     |
|  | (F<br>NA CORP<br>(NTERSON  |              | (Middle)<br>N    |       |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2005 |   |               |  |                                     |               |   |   | below)<br>Sr VP,   | below)<br>General Counsel and Sec  |  |              | С   |
| (Street) LINTHI (City)   |  | 1D<br>State) | 21090<br>(Zip)   |       | _ 4.   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |   |               |  |                                     |               |   |   | lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |              |     |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans: Date (Month/L         |  |              | sactio           |       |  |  | Code (Instr.  |   |               |  |                                     | (A) or        | or 5. Amount of                                     |   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |              |     |
|  |  |              | 11/0             | )1/20 | ./2005   |  | Code  | v   | Amount 80,000 | <b>)</b> <sup>(1)</sup>  | (A) or<br>(D)                       | Price         | Transaction (Instr. 3 and 80,0                      | nd 4)   |  | D  | msu. 4)  |              |     |
|  |  |              | Table II -       |       |  |  |   |   |               |  | osed of,                            |               |   |   | Owned  |  | <u> </u>   |              |     |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | Title of erivative exercise str. 3)  Title of Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  2.  |              | Transa<br>Code ( |       | on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | Expiration (Month/D   | Date Exercisable and xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)  ate Expiration Expiration Date |               | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | ecurity<br>4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)        |  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |              |     |

11/01/2005(2)

11/01/2015

Common Stock

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\$2.36

Employee Stock Options

(right to buy)

1. These are Restricted Stock Units that begin vesting on November 1, 2005 and vest in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each fiscal quarter.

200,000

2. These options begin vesting on November 1, 2005 and vest in equal monthly amounts over 48 months.

/s/Russell B. Stevenson, Jr. by Anita Weiskerger per POA

200,000

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11/03/2005

200,000

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\*\* 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).

11/01/2005

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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