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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Phipps Jason (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. | | son* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CIENA CORP</u> [CIEN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2018 | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP Global Sales and Marketing |
| (Street) HANOVER (City) | MD (State) | 21076-1426 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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) | | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | Code V | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (msu. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2018 | | S | | 309(1) | D | \$25.55 | 47,806 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2018 | | S | | 161 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$25.55 | 47 , 645 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2018 | | S | | 229 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | \$25.55 | 47,416 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2018 | | S | | 173(5) | D | \$25.55 | 47,243 ⁽²⁾ | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/21/2018 | | S | | 457(6) | D | \$25.55 | 46,786 ⁽²⁾ | 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | ative rities ired osed . 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | nd 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.

2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

3. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/15/2015. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.

4. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 3/1/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/3/2017.

5. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.

6. Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/12/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/14/2017.

By: Michelle Rankin For:

Jason Phipps

06/22/2018

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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

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