FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Morin Philippe | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN] | | | | | | | | | Check | all app | licable) | | | Issuer Owner r (specify | |
|--|--|------|-----------|---------|--|---|---------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2011 | | | | | | | | | X | belov | v) ` | | below) | |
| (Street) LINTHICUM, MD 21090 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If | 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 | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Noi | n-Deriv | ative | Sec | curitie | s Acc | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Bene | eficia | ally | Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | ay/Year) Execution | | A. Deemed recution Date, any lonth/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | 4 and Sec Ber | | ount of ties cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111311. 4) |
| Common Stock 12/07/ | | | | | 7/2011 | | | | S | | 3,750 | (1) D \$ | | \$1 1 | 1.4 198,938(2) | | 8,938 ⁽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) | erivative Conversion Date Execution Decurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, | ate, Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Inst | D) ect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nun of | nber | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 plan dated September 9, 2011.
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: Philippe Morin

12/08/2011

** 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).
- ** 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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