

| OMB APPROVAL | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| OMB Number: | 3235-0287 |
| Estimated average burden | |
| hours per response: | 0.5 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH GARY B</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CIENA CORPORATION</u> <u>7035 RIDGE RD.</u> _____ (Street) <u>HANOVER MD 21076-1426</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CIENA CORP [CIEN]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">President, CEO</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/04/2021</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/04/2021 | | S | | 2,500 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$54.9334 ⁽²⁾ | 470,202 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/05/2021 | | S | | 2,500 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$55.1964 ⁽⁴⁾ | 467,702 ⁽³⁾ | 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. 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 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 9/21/20.
- Reflects the weighted average sales price with transactions in a range of sales from \$54.585 to \$55.28. Upon request by the SEC, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sales price will be provided.
- Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- Reflects the weighted average sales price with transactions in a range of sales from \$54.965 to \$55.41. Upon request by the SEC, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sales price will be provided.

By: Michelle Rankin For: Gary B Smith 02/08/2021

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.