FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MOYLAN JAMES E JR | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN] | | | | | | | | | Check | all app | licable) | | Owner (specify |
|--|--|--|--|-------|---|--|-----|-------|---|-------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/21/2017 | | | | | | | | | | X | belov | v) `` | below ance, CFO | |
| (Street) HANOVER MD 21076-14: (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 26 | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 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. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Dat | | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | (A) or 3, 4 ar | 4 and Secu Bene | | cially d 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 | Tra | | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (11150.4) |
| Common Stock 09/21/2 | | | | | | 21/2017 | | | | | 2,000(1 | 1) | D | \$21.25 | | 5 383,303 ⁽²⁾ | | D | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da | Date, | Date, Transactio Code (Inst | | | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | n Dat | | Amount of | | str. 3 | 8. Price Derivativ Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber ires | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 1/13/2017.
- $2. \ Shares \ reported \ include \ unvested \ Restricted \ Stock \ Units \ (RSUs) \ and \ Performance \ Stock \ Units \ (PSUs).$

By: Michelle Griswold For: James E. Moylan, Jr.

09/21/2017

** 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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