UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Form 144 Filer Information Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 144

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES

PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

144: Filer Information

Filer CIK 0001177261 Filer CCC XXXXXXXX Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing? LIVE TEST

Submission Contact Information

Name Phone

E-Mail Address

144: Issuer Information

Name of Issuer CIENA CORPORATION

SEC File Number 001-36250

7035 RIDGE ROAD

HANOVER Address of Issuer MARYLAND

21076

Phone (410) 694-5700

STEPHEN BRUCE ALEXANDER Name of Person for Whose Account the Securities are To Be Sold

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Officer Relationship to Issuer

144: Securities Information

| Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold | Name and Address of the Broker | Number of Shares or Other Units To Be Sold | Aggregate Market Value | | Approximate Date of Sale | Name the Securities Exchange |
|--|--|---|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Common | Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC Executive Financial Services 1 New York Plaza 38th Floor New York NY 10004 | 2000 | 84900.00 | 147842355 | 10/16/2023 | NYSE |

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Date you Nature of Name of Is Date Amount of Date of Nature of

| Class | Acquired Acquisi Transac | | this Donor a Acquired Gift? | Securities d Acquired | Payment | Payment * |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Common | 03/20/2020 Restricted S | Stock Issuer | | 130 | 03/20/2020 N | ot Applicable |
| Common | 06/20/2020 Restricted S | Stock Issuer | | 612 | 06/20/2020 N | ot Applicable |
| Common | 09/20/2020 Restricted S | Stock Issuer | | 474 | 09/20/2020 N | ot Applicable |
| Common | 12/20/2020 Restricted S | Stock Issuer | | 475 | 12/20/2020 N | ot Applicable |
| Common | 03/20/2021 Restricted S | Stock Issuer | | 309 | 03/20/2021 N | ot Applicable |

^{*} If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

| Name and Address of Seller | Title of Securities Sold | Date of Sale | Amount of Securities Sold | Gross Proceeds |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| STEPHEN BRUCE ALEXANDER 7035 RIDGE ROAD HANOVER MD 21076 | Common | 08/15/2023 | 2000 | 83520.00 |
| STEPHEN BRUCE ALEXANDER 7035 RIDGE ROAD HANOVER MD 21076 | Common | 07/17/2023 | 2000 | 82400.00 |
| STEPHEN BRUCE ALEXANDER 7035 RIDGE ROAD HANOVER MD 21076 | Common | 09/15/2023 | 2000 | 97800.00 |

144: Remarks and Signature

| Remarks | |
|---|------------|
| Date of Notice | 10/16/2023 |
| Date of Plan Adoption or Giving of Instruction, If Relying on Rule 10b5-1 | 06/23/2022 |
| ATTENTION. | |

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature /s/ Stephen Bruce Alexander

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