FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Morin Philippe | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN] | | | | | | | | | all app Dired | olicable) | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
|---|--|--|---------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2012 | | | | | | | | | belov | N) . | | below) | | |
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| | | Tabl | e I - N | on-Deriv | /ative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | quired | d, Di | sposed o | f, or E | enefic | cially | Owne | ed | | | |
| 1 | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | nd 5) Secu Bene Owne | | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 03/ | | | | 03/21/ | 2012 | 012 | | | S | | 3,382(1) | D | \$15 | \$15.6618 | | 24,723 | D | | |
| Common Stock 03/21/20 | | | | | 2012 |)12 | | S | | 1,719(2) | D | \$15 | \$15.6613 | | 23,004 | D | | | |
| Common Stock 03/21/ | | | 2012 |)12 | | S | | 1,271 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$15 | \$15.662 | | 1,733(4) | 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) | if any | emed on Date, Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | Instr. | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5 | ative rities ired osed | 6. Date Expirat (Month) Date Exercise | tion Da l/Day/Y | | 7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4) | t of ies ying | Deri Sec (Insi | rice of vative urity tr. 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) | |

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 4/1/2010. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 4/1/2010.
- 2. 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 12/14/2010. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/16/2010.
- 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 12/15/2011. $Acquisition \ of the \ RSU \ was \ previously \ reported \ in \ Table \ I \ of \ reporting \ person's \ Form \ 4 \ on \ 12/19/2011.$
- 4. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Litcher For: Philippe

Morin

03/23/2012

** 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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