Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| (Last)   | (F<br>NA CORP<br>OGE RD.   | ORATION  D 2 tate) (2                      | Middle)                         |                                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/20/2021  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |   |  |  |        |   | (Chec                                | Sr. VP, General Counsel  Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |   |  |   |  |  |
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| Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da |  |  | tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date, |                                 | 3. 4. Securitie  |  | es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and (D) Price |   | or<br>1 and                                    | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) |        | Forn<br>(D) o   | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)           |   |  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock 06/2  |  |  |                                 | 06/20/2                         | 2021   |  |  |   | F  |  | 598(1) | (D)   | _                                    | 6.15  | <u> </u>                                  | 3 and 4)   |   | D  |  |
|  |  |  | 06/20/2                         |                                 |  |  |  | F |  | 344 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D      | -   | 6.15                                 |   |   |  | D |  |  |
|  |  |  |                                 | 06/20/2                         |  |  |  | F |  | 453(4)   | D \$5  |   | 6.15                                 |   |   |  | D |  |  |
| Common Stock 06/20/2   |  |  |                                 | 2021                            |  |  |  | F |  | 418 <sup>(5)</sup>   | D      | \$5   | 6.15                                 | 262,355 <sup>(2)</sup>  |   |  | D |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |                                 |                                 |  |  |  |   |  |  |        |   |                                      |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any                          | emed<br>ion Date,<br>/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)   |  | of   |   | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/N |  | ite    | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4)  Amount of Security (Ins 3 and 4) |                                      | De Se (In   | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | у | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/12/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/14/2017.$
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- $3. \ Represents \ shares \ withheld \ to \ cover payment \ of \ the \ tax \ liabilities \ of \ the \ reporting \ person \ related \ to \ a \ restricted \ stock \ unit \ (RSU) \ award \ agreement \ dated \ 12/16/2020. \ Acquisition \ of \ the \ RSU \ was \ previously \ reported \ in \ Table \ I \ of \ reporting \ person's \ Form \ 4 \ on \ 12/18/2020.$
- $4. \ Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2018. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2018. \\$
- 5. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2019. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2019.

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David M. Rothenstein

06/21/2021

\*\* 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).

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