## FORM 4

Instruction 1(b)

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name an Locoh-l		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]								(Check all app		olicable) ctor		Owner					
(Last) C/O CIEI 1201 WII		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2011									X	Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President							
(Street) LINTHICUM, MD 21090  (City) (State) (Zip)						_   4. li	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
			Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	d, Dis	sposed o	f, or E	Benefic	ially	Owne	ed		
Da					2. Transac Date (Month/Da		Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			und 5) Securition Benefici Owned I		ities icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	Amount	(A) o	Price			ted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)					
Common Stock 09/2						09/22/2011				S		514 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$11.	\$11.0675		78,349	D	
Common Stock 09/22						2011				S		2,755(2)	D	\$11.	\$11.0686		75,594	D	
Common Stock 09/22/20						2011				S		1,322(3)	D	\$11.	311.0823		74,272	D	
Common Stock 09/22/20						2011	011			S		779(4)	D	\$11	\$11.077		3,493(5)	D	
			Ta	able II -								osed of, convertib				vned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ative Conversion Date Executi ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		med on Date, Day/Year)	Date, Transaction		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instrand 5	rative rities ired r osed )	6. Date Expirat (Month	tion Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		1		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)		

- 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 12/18/2007. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table 1 of reporting persons Form 3 on 8/3/11.
- 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 12/16/2008. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table 1 of reporting persons Form 3 on 8/3/11.
- 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 12/16/2009. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table 1 of reporting persons Form 3 on 8/3/11.
- 4. 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 1 of reporting persons Form 3 on 8/3/11.
- 5. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: François Locoh-Donou

09/26/2011

\*\* 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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