FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GALLAGHER PATRICK						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issu (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Ow.					
	C/O CIENA CORPORATION					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/15/2011											er (give title	Other (spe below)		(specify	
1201 WINTERSON ROAD  (Street)  LINTHICUM, MD 21090					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						
(- 9)	(City) (State) (Zip)  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Code (Instr. 5		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			4 and So		Securities Beneficially		nership Direct Indirect tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(1	A) or D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11341.4)	
Common Stock 04,				04/15	5/2011				S		214(1	)	D	\$26.7		17,128 <sup>(2)</sup>			D		
		Та	ble II - [ )								sed of, onvertib				y Ov	vned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				ansaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		rative rities ired r osed ) : 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ov Fo Dii or (I)	vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect (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 04/14/2010. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 04/16/2010.
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: Patrick T. <u>04/19/2011</u> Gallagher

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly.$ 

- \* 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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