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## FORM 4

# 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 and Address FITT LAWTC	1 0	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CIENA CORP</u> [ CIEN ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) C/O CIENA COP		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2011		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
1201 WINTERSON ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2011	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) LINTHICUM,	MD	21090		X	Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person	0			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.					Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(iiisti: 4)
Common Stock	03/23/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>		4,881	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	<b>34,631</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units (RSUs) vests in three equal installments on the one-, two- and three-year anniversaries of the grant date.

2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

#### By: Erik Lichter For: Lawton W. Fitt

04/08/2011

\*\* 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).

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