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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 of Reporting Person* Aquino Michael Gerald (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CIENA CORP</u> [CIEN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2008 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SR VP. Worldwide Sales | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|--|--|---|---------------------|--|--|
| 1201 WINTERSON ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv | vidual or Joint/Group Filin | g (Check Applicable | | |
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| (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) | Date, Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------|---------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code V | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2008 | | F | | 218(1) | D | \$ <mark>33</mark> | 75,526 | 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) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) d | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 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. Shares reported represent the amount forfeited to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated June 1, 2006. The RSU vests at the end of Ciena's fiscal quarters over a four year term and shares are issued net of taxes upon vesting. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 filed on June 8, 2006.

| By: Erik Lichter For: Michael | 05/05/2008 |
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| <u>G. Aquino</u> | 00/00/2000 |

** 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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