

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ALEXANDER STEPHEN B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CIENA CORPORATION</u> <u>7035 RIDGE RD.</u> (Street) <u>HANOVER MD 21076-1426</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CIENA CORP [CIEN]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr VP Chief Technology Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/12/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	12/12/2017		A		20,232 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.0	137,270 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2017		A		23,912 ⁽³⁾	A	\$0.0	161,182 ⁽²⁾	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of 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
Market Stock Units	\$0.0	12/12/2017		A		9,565 ⁽⁴⁾		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	9,565 ⁽⁴⁾	\$0.0	9,565 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/14/2016 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions. These shares vest in equal 1/3 amounts on each December 20, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- Reflects Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) that vest over four years, with one-sixteenth of the grant amount vesting on March 20, June 20, September 20, and December 20 of each year, commencing on March 20, 2018.
- Each market stock unit (MSU) represents the contingent right to receive, following vesting, between 0% and 200% of one share of the Issuer's common stock, subject to the level of achievement of applicable total shareholder return (TSR) performance conditions over a three-year period from fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020.
- The MSUs will vest on December 20, 2020, subject to the performance conditions described above.

By: Michelle Rankin For: 12/14/2017
Stephen B. Alexander

** 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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