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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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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [cien] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) 1201 WINTERS | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2006 | X | Officer (give title below) Chief Operatin | Other (specify below) g Officer | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | idual or Joint/Group Fili | ng (Check Applicable | | | |
| LINTHICUM | MD | 21090 | | X | Form filed by One Re | porting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | - | | Form filed by More th Person | an One Reporting | | | |
| 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) | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially | 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) | | (11341.4) |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2006 | | F | | 3,183 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$3.53 | 147,359 | 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. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | ative rities ired osed . 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ation Date Amount of | | Amount of Derivative Security Securities Underlying (Instr. 5) Derivative Security Instr. 3 | | 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. Shares reported represent the amount forfeited to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement. 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 November 3, 2005.

| <u>/s/Arthur D. Smith by Anita</u> <u>Weiskerger per POA</u> | <u>07/31/2006</u> |
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** 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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