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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GALLAGHER PATRICK</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)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/21/2016</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	03/21/2016		D		317 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$17.9606	40,993 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2016		D		259 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$17.9605	40,734 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2016		D		285 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$17.9602	40,449 <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. 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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 3/20/2013. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/22/2013.
- Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- 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 4/10/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 4/14/2014.
- 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 3/26/2015. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/30/2015

By: Erik Lichter For: Patrick T. Gallagher 03/22/2016

\*\* 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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