FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rothenstein David M | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [CIEN] | | | | | | | | | Check | all app Direc | olicable) | | ssuer Dwner (specify |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|---|---------------|---|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2019 | | | | | | | | | | X | belov | w) `` | below neral Counsel | |
| (Street) HANOVER MD 21076-142 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 26 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 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. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Da | | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | | 4 and Se Be Ov | | ount of ities icially d Following ted | 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 | Trai | | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (111041.4) | | | |
| Common Stock 11/15 | | | | | | 11/15/2019 | | | S | | 2,000 | 1) | D | \$37.73 | | 265,633(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) | vative Conversion Date Execution Durity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Date, Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | Deri | ivative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber ires | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 12/21/2018.
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

By: Erik Lichter For: David M. Rothenstein

11/19/2019

** 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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