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*  Rothenstein David M |  |  |        |                                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ] |      |  |                       |  |           |              | (Chec  | k all app<br>Direc        | ,             | ng Per   | rson(s) to Is<br>10% O<br>Other (  | wner                                     |            |                                    |
|---|--|--|--------|---------------------------------|---|------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------|--------------|--|---------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|------------|------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD.  |  |  |        |                                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2022     |      |  |                       |  |           |              | X  | belov                     | v) ``         | ieral (  | below) al Counsel  |  |            |                                    |
| (Street) HANOV (City)   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |        |                                 |   |      |  | 6. Indi<br>Line)<br>X | ′  |           |              |  |                           |               |  |  |  |            |                                    |
|   |  | Table                                      | I - No | n-Deriva                        | tive S  | Secu | rities   | Acq                   | uired,   | , Dis     | posed of     | , or E   | Benef                     | icially       | / Own  | ed   |  |            |                                    |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day |  |  |        |                                 | Execution Date,   |      |  |                       | s Acquired (A)<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4  |           | 4 and Securi |  | cially<br>I Following     | Form<br>(D) o | wnership<br>n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |            |                                    |
|   |  |  |        |                                 |   |      |  | Code                  | v  | Amount (A |              | or Pr  | ice                       | Transa        | ction(s)<br>3 and 4)                             |  |  | (11301. 4) |                                    |
| Common Stock 01/18/2  |  |  |        |                                 | 2022  |      | S  |                       | 3,500(1)   | D \$7     |              | 70.63  | 63 271,158 <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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any | emed<br>ion Date,<br>/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>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)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |           |              | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Ins<br>3 and 4) |                           | De Se (In     | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>estr. 5)     | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactior<br>(Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Inst | Ownership  | Beneficial Ownership ot (Instr. 4) |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 12/13/2021
- 2. Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

By: Michelle Rankin For: 01/19/2022 David M. Rothenstein

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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