

CIENA CORP  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rothenstein David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 7035  
RIDGE RD.

(Street)

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CIENA CORP [CIEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

12/21/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Sr. VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price (A) or (D)  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 764 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | \$ 19.9 313,499 <sup>(2)</sup> D  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 4,265 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  | \$ 19.9 309,234 <sup>(2)</sup> D  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 2,229 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  | \$ 19.9 307,005 <sup>(2)</sup> D  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 1,172 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  | \$ 19.9 305,833 <sup>(2)</sup> D  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 321 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  | \$ 19.9 305,512 <sup>(2)</sup> D  |

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|              |            |   |              |   |         |             |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---|---------|-------------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 2,163<br>(5) | D | \$ 19.9 | 303,349 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 723 (5)      | D | \$ 19.9 | 302,626 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 577 (6)      | D | \$ 19.9 | 302,049 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 863 (7)      | D | \$ 19.9 | 301,186 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 1,943<br>(8) | D | \$ 19.9 | 299,243 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 6,163<br>(8) | D | \$ 19.9 | 293,080 (2) | D |
| Common Stock | 12/21/2015 | S | 3,066<br>(8) | D | \$ 19.9 | 290,014 (2) | D |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                         |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 |
| Rothenstein David M<br>C/O CIENA CORPORATION<br>7035 RIDGE RD. |               |           | Sr. VP, General Counsel |

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

## Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: David M.  
Rothenstein

12/23/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

RSU Taxes - 12/15/2011 (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a  
(1) 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/15/2011. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2011.)

(2) 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  
(3) to performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2012. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2013.

RSU Tax Sales 12/18/12 (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1  
(4) sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2012. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2012.)

Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related  
(5) to a performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2013. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2014.

RSU Tax Sales 12/17/13 Award (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a  
(6) 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2013. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2013.)

RSU tax sales - 12/17/14 grant (Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a  
(7) 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2014.)

Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related  
(8) to a performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/17/2015.

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