

Phipps Jason
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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 *
 Phipps Jason

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 7035 RIDGE RD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP Global Sales and Marketing

(Street)
 HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

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

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

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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | | F | 403 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 32.91 | 80,642 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | | F | 2,178 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 32.91 | 78,464 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | | F | 159 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 32.91 | 78,305 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | | F | 227 ⁽⁴⁾ D \$ 32.91 | 78,078 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | | F | 171 ⁽⁵⁾ D \$ 32.91 | 77,907 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | F | 454 ⁽⁶⁾ | D | \$ 32.91 | 77,453 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2018 | F | 309 ⁽⁷⁾ | D | \$ 32.91 | 77,144 ⁽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 Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Phipps Jason C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. HANOVER, MD 21076-1426 | | | SVP Global Sales and Marketing | |

Signatures

By: Michelle Rankin For: Jason Phipps
Date: 12/26/2018

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).
- (1) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a performance stock unit (PSU) award agreement dated 12/12/2017. The earning of the PSU was previously reported on Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2018.

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- (2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- (3) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/15/2015. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (4) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 3/1/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/3/2017.
- (5) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (6) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/12/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/14/2017.
- (7) Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person 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 3 on 3/1/2017.

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