

Aquino Michael Gerald
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Aquino Michael Gerald

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 1201 WINTERSON ROAD

(Street)

LINTHICUM,, MD 21090

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/22/2011

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. Global Field Operations

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2011 | 03/24/2011 | S | | 281 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 23.4273 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2011 | 03/24/2011 | S | | 3,471 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 23.4298 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2011 | 03/24/2011 | S | | 961 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 23.4304 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2011 | 03/24/2011 | S | | 1,018 ⁽⁴⁾ D \$ 23.4265 | 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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Aquino Michael Gerald C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM,, MD 21090 | | | SR VP. Global Field Operations | |

Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: Michael G. Aquino
Date: 03/28/2011

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) 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 12/18/2007. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2007.
- (2) 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 12/16/2008. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/18/2008.
- (3) 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 12/16/2009. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/18/2009.

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- Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related
- (4) to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2010. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/16/2010.
 - (5) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

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