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*  Phipps Jason						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIENA CORP [ CIEN ]							heck all	nship of Reporting applicable) Director Officer (give title	ng Person(s) to		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CIENA CORPORATION					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/20/2020								^ b	elow)	below; les and Marke		
7035 RIDGE RD.						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street) HANOVER MD 21076-1			426								Lir	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (Ž	<u>Z</u> ip)														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
D				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			nd Se Be Ow	Amount of curities neficially vned Following ported	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	Tra	ensaction(s) str. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)	
Common Stock				09/20/2020				F		678(1)	D	\$41.	03	72,156(2)	D		
Common Stock				09/20/2020				F		337(3)	D	\$41.	03	71,819(2)	D		
Common Stock				09/20/2020				F		254(4)	D	\$41.	03	71,565(2)	D		
Common Stock				09/20/2020				F		613(5)	D	\$41.	03	70,952(2)	D		
Common Stock				09/20/2020				F		674(6)	D	\$41.	03	70,278(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)	/e   Conversion   Date   Execution Date, or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities Se		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5	ive derivative y Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents shares withheld to cover payment of the tax liabilities of the reporting person related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2019. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/19/2019.

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Code

- 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 3/1/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/3/2017.

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- 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 12/14/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- 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 12/18/2018. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2018.
- 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.

By: Michelle Rankin For: 09/22/2020 Jason Phipps

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Amount or Number

Title

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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