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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 *
Rothenstein David M

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)
12/12/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel

(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 | 12/12/2017 | | A | | 20,232 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 279,765 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2017 | | A | | 28,695 ⁽³⁾ \$ 0 308,460 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2017 | | A | | 5,984 ⁽⁴⁾ \$ 0 314,444 ⁽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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Market Stock Units | \$ 0 | 12/12/2017 | | A | 11,478 (5) | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 11,478 (5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rothenstein David M C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. HANOVER, MD 21076-1426 | | | Sr. VP, General Counsel | |

Signatures

By: Michelle Rankin For: David M. Rothenstein 12/14/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/14/2016 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions. These shares vest in equal 1/3 amounts on each December 20, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

(2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

(3) Reflects Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) that vest over four years, with one-sixteenth of the grant amount vesting on March 20, June 20, September 20, and December 20 of each year, commencing on March 20, 2018.

(4) Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/17/2014 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions for the applicable performance period. These shares will vest on December 20 following the performance period.

(5) Each market stock unit (MSU) represents the contingent right to receive, following vesting, between 0% and 200% of one share of the Issuer's common stock, subject to the level of achievement of applicable total shareholder return (TSR) performance conditions over a three-year period from fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020.

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(6) The MSUs will vest on December 20, 2020, subject to the performance conditions described above.

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