JAMES SUSAN M. Form 4 January 24, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 * JAMES SUSAN M.

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

COHERENT INC [COHR]

(Check all applicable)

P. O. BOX 54980

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

01/22/2013

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-De | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Securities on Acquired (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | • | any | Code | Disposed of (D) | | | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2013 | | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 32 | 8,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2013 | | S | 6,000 (1) | D | \$ 55 | 2,500 | 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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | onof Derivative Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32 | 01/22/2013 | | M | | 6,000 | 04/01/2012 | 04/01/2020 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| r | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| JAMES SUSAN M. P. O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Bret DiMarco, General Counsel & Power of
Attorney

**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) Sold Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted on May 30, 2012.

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