COHERENT INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SOBEY MARK STEWART Issuer Symbol COHERENT INC [COHR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE 11/13/2015 below) below) **EVP** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

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(City)	(State) (Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. Transactio	4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of on(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities			6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/13/2015		M	3,120	A	\$0	19,419	D		
Common Stock	11/13/2015		F	1,173 (1)	D	\$ 61.06	18,246	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securitie Acquired Disposed	Derivative Expir Securities (Mon Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2015		M		3,120	(2)	11/13/2015	Common Stock	3,1	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2015		A	8,604		<u>(4)</u>	11/13/2018	Common Stock	8,6	
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2015		A	4,302		<u>(5)</u>	11/13/2018	Common Stock	4,3	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SOBEY MARK STEWART							
5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE			EVP				
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054							

Signatures

/s/ Bret DiMarco, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 11/17/2015

**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 satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations for released restricted stock units.
- This Restricted Stock Performance Unit award vests after the three year anniversary of the grant based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 2000 Index for the 90 trading days on and prior to November 13, 2015 versus the same 90 trading day period ending November 13, 2012. The number of shares in the table reflects the number of RSUs at target. The actual range of RSUs is 0-200% of the target number, depending upon what achievement, if any, results at the measurement date.
- (3) 3120 shares received out of a possible 5200 target share payout. Derivatives beneficially owned total reduced by the 2080 shares not earned
- (4) This Restricted Stock Unit award vests over three years with one third of the grant vesting on each of the subsequent anniversaries of the grant.

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This Restricted Stock Performance Unit award vests after the three year anniversary of the grant based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 2000 Index for the 90 trading days on and prior to November 13, 2018 versus the same 90 trading day period ending November 13, 2015. The number of shares in the table reflects the number of RSUs at target. The actual range of RSUs is 0-200% of the target number, depending upon what achievement, if any, results at the measurement date.

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