

ALEXANDER STEPHEN B
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ALEXANDER STEPHEN B

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)
 03/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Chief Technology Officer

(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	03/15/2018		S		2,500 (1)	D	26.9584 (2)
					\$		
					134,880 (3)	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. 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ALEXANDER STEPHEN B C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. HANOVER, MD 21076-1426			SVP, Chief Technology Officer					

Signatures

By: Michelle Rankin For: Stephen B. Alexander 03/16/2018

**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) Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 6/24/2016.
- (2) Reflects the weighted average sales price with transactions in a range of sales from \$26.87 to \$27.00. Upon request by the SEC, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate sales price will be provided.
- (3) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

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