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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction See Instruction 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

1(b).

(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			
(Last) C/O CIENA C	` ,	(Middle) ON. 1201	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2009	(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify			
WINTERSON ROAD)11, 1 2 01		below) below) Sr VP Chief Technology Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
LINTHICUM	"MD 21090						

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S	403 (1)	. ,	\$ 7.0115	372,717	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S	7,146 (2)	D	\$ 7.0115	365,571 <u>(3)</u>	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

ALEXANDER STEPHEN B C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM,, MD 21090

Sr VP Chief Technology Officer

Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: Stephen B. Alexander

03/23/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

reporting person's Form 4 on 12/18/2008.

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).
- Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related (1) to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/18/2007. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/20/2007.
- Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related (2) to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/16/2008. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of
- (3) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

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