

CIENA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 23, 2003

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIENA Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-21969  
(Commission File No.)

23-2725311  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(410) 865-8500

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On January 23, 2003, CIENA Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 concerning a settlement agreement with Nortel Networks and related matters. The attached press release is incorporated herein by this reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release dated January 23, 2003.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**CIENA CORPORATION**

Date: January 23, 2003

By: /s/ RUSSELL B. STEVENSON, JR.

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Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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