

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 8, 2005**

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**Coherent, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-05255**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-1622541**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5100 Patrick Henry Drive**

**Santa Clara, CA 95054**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(408) 764-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02          Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 8, 2005, Hank Gauthier, a member of the registrant's board of directors, disclosed to the registrant's chairman of the board of directors that he would not stand for reelection at the registrant's annual meeting of stockholders to be held in March 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

**COHERENT, INC.**  
a Delaware corporation

Date: December 12, 2005

By: /s/ Helene Simonet  
Helene Simonet  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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