

Phipps Jason
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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 *
 Phipps Jason

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)
 12/21/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP Global Sales and Marketing

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S	340 ⁽¹⁾ D	\$ 21.22	54,823 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S	364 ⁽³⁾ D	\$ 21.22	54,459 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S	288 ⁽⁴⁾ D	\$ 21.22	54,171 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S	177 ⁽⁵⁾ D	\$ 21.22	53,994 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	12/21/2017		S	252 ⁽⁶⁾ D	\$ 21.22	53,742 ⁽²⁾	D

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Common Stock 12/21/2017 S 190 ⁽⁷⁾ D \$ 21.22 53,552 ⁽²⁾ 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. 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Phipps Jason C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. HANOVER, MD 21076-1426			SVP Global Sales and Marketing	

Signatures

By: Michelle Rankin For: Jason Phipps 12/26/2017

**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).
- Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).

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- (3) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/17/2013. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (4) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 2/3/2014. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (5) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/15/2015. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.
- (6) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 3/1/2017. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 3/3/2017.
- (7) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2016. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 3 on 3/1/2017.

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