

CIENA CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rothenstein David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 7035  
RIDGE RD.

(Street)

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CIENA CORP [CIEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr. VP, General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	12/15/2015		A		20,910 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0 260,819 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2015		A		5,983 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0 266,802 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2015		A		47,461 <sup>(4)</sup> A \$ 0 314,263 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rothenstein David M C/O CIENA CORPORATION 7035 RIDGE RD. HANOVER, MD 21076-1426			Sr. VP, General Counsel	

## Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: David M. Rothenstein  
Date: 12/17/2015

\*\*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) Reflects Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) that vest over four years, with one-sixteenth of the grant amount vesting on March 20, June 20, September 20, and December 20 of each year, commencing on March 20, 2016.
- (2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).  
Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/17/2014 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions for the applicable performance period. These shares will vest on December 20 following the performance period.
- (3) Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/17/2014 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions. These shares vest in equal 1/3 amounts on each December 20, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
- (4) Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/17/2014 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions. These shares vest in equal 1/3 amounts on each December 20, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

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