

CIENA CORP

Form 4

December 21, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ALEXANDER STEPHEN B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 1201
WINTERSON ROAD

(Street)

LINTHICUM,, MD 21090

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

12/20/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr VP Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/20/2007		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) \$ 0	147,186	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007		S	(2) \$ 34.2558	141,692	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2007		S	(3) \$ 34.2558	135,673	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
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 12/21/2007

__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) Shares reported reflect the satisfaction of performance criteria, and vesting in full on December 20, 2007, of a Performance Stock Unit (PSU) award granted on December 18, 2006.
- (2) Shares reported reflect the amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sale instruction related to a PSU award agreement dated December 18, 2006.
- Shares reported reflect the amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sale instruction related to a
- (3) Performance-Accelerated Restricted Stock Unit (PARSU) award agreement dated December 18, 2006. Acquisition of the PARSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on December 19, 2006.

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