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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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99.1 Press Release dated September 3, 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: September 3, 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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