Phipps Jason Form 4 December 20, 2018

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(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Phipps Jason

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

CIENA CORP [CIEN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2018

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 7035 RIDGE RD.

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

Other (specify below)

SVP Global Sales and Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Issuer

HANOVER, MD 21076-1426

(City)

()	()	Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	sposed	of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
							Reported			
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			C 1 W		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
_			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price				
Common Stock	12/18/2018		A	21,733 (1)	A	\$0	64,045 (2)	D		
Common Stock	12/18/2018		A	17,000 (3)	A	\$0	81,045 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Market Stock Units (2021)	\$ 0	12/18/2018		A	8,693 (4)	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	8,693 (4)	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<u>.</u>	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 12/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

three-year period from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2021.

- * 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, 2019.
- (2) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) and Performance Stock Units (PSUs).
- (3) Reflects the number of stock units earned pursuant to the terms of a performance stock unit award granted on 12/12/2017 reflecting the achievement of the related performance conditions. These shares vest in equal 1/2 amounts on each December 20, 2018 and 2019.
- Each market stock unit (MSU) represents the contingent right to receive, following vesting, between 0% and 200% of one share of the (4) Issuer's common stock, subject to the level of achievement of applicable total shareholder return (TSR) performance conditions over a
- (5) The MSUs will vest on December 20, 2021, subject to the performance conditions described above.

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