

CIENA CORP

Form 4

December 20, 2007

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Aquino Michael Gerald

(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)

12/18/2007

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. Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	12/18/2007		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 36,000	\$ 0 73,150	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2007		A	(A) or (D) Amount (2) 14,000	\$ 0 87,150	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.21	12/18/2007		A	43,000	(3) 12/18/2017	Common Stock 43,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Aquino Michael Gerald C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM,, MD 21090	SR VP. Worldwide Sales

Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: Michael G. Aquino
12/20/2007

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) Reflects Performance-Accelerated Restricted Stock Units (PARSUs) that vest in their entirety on December 20, 2011, subject to acceleration of vesting upon the achievement of performance-based conditions established by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) 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, 2008.
- (3) Stock option vests in equal monthly installments over 48 months, with the initial vesting date of January 1, 2008.

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