

Rothenstein David M
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2011

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

C/O CIENA CORPORATION, 1201 WINTERSON ROAD

(Street)

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

Sr. VP, General Counsel

LINTHICUM,, MD 21090

(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S		170 <u>(1)</u> D \$ 11.3496	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S		220 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 11.3475	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S		2,619 <u>(3)</u> D \$ 11.3475	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S		1,048 <u>(4)</u> D \$ 11.3492	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S		832 <u>(5)</u> D \$ 11.3475	D	
					199,377 <u>(6)</u>	D	
					199,157	D	
					196,538	D	
					195,490	D	
					194,658 <u>(6)</u>	D	

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reporting person's Form 4 on 12/18/2008.

(4) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/16/2009. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/18/2009.

(5) Shares reported represent an amount sold to cover the tax liabilities of the reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 sales instruction related to a restricted stock unit (RSU) award agreement dated 12/14/2010. Acquisition of the RSU was previously reported in Table I of reporting person's Form 4 on 12/16/2010.

(6) Shares reported include unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs).

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