

CIENA CORP
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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 *
CHINNICI JOSEPH R

(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 FINANCE, CFO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2007 | | M | | 2,232 | A | \$ 16.52 |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2007 | | S(1) | | 3,261 | D | \$ 35.4432 |
| | | | | | | | (2) |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.52 | 12/20/2007 | | M | 2,232 | ⁽³⁾ 11/02/2015 | Common Stock | 2,232 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CHINNICI JOSEPH R C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM,, MD 21090 | | | SR VP FINANCE, CFO | |

Signatures

By: Erik Lichter For: Joseph R. Chinnici 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) Sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated 12/19/06.
Reflects the average sale price of the total shares sold. Actual sale prices are as follows: 300 shares at \$35.60; 400 shares at \$35.58; 100 shares at \$35.54; 100 shares at \$35.53; 100 shares at \$35.50; 700 shares at \$35.46; 300 shares at \$35.41; 100 shares at \$35.39; 300 shares at \$35.36; 500 shares at \$35.35; 100 shares at \$35.31; and 261 shares at \$35.30.
- (3) Option is fully vested.

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