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FORM 144

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ATTENTION: Transmit for filing 3 copies of this form concurrently with either placing an order with a broker to execute sale or executing a sale directly with a market maker.

1 (a) NAME OF ISSUER (Please type or print)	(b) IRS IDENT. NO.	(c) S.E.C. FILE NO	WORK LOCATION
Ciena Corporation	23-2725311	000-21969	
1 (d) ADDRESS STREET OF ISSUER	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE (e) TELEPHONE NO
1201 Winterson Road	Linthicum	MD	21090 410-865-8073

2 (a) NAME OF PERSON FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT THE SECURITIES ARE TO BE SOLD	(b) RELATIONSHIP TO ISSUER	(c) ADDRESS STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ALEXANDER STEPHEN B	Senior VP	1201 WINTERSON ROAD	LINTHICUM	MD	21090

INSTRUCTION: The person filing this notice should contact the issuer to obtain the I.R.S. Identification Number and the S.E.C. File Number.

3 (a)	(b)	SEC USE ONLY	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Title of the			Number of Shares	Aggregate	Number of Shares	Approximate	Name of Each

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Class of Securities To Be Sold	Name and Address of Each Broker Through Whom the Securities are to be Offered or Each Market Maker who is Acquiring the Securities	Broker-Dealer File Number	or Other Units To Be Sold (See instr. 3(c))	Market Value (See instr. 3(d))	or Other Units Outstanding (See instr. 3(e))	Date of Sale (See instr. 3(f)) (MO. DAY YR.)	Securities Exchange (See instr. 3(g))
Common	Deutsche Bank Securities 1399 New York Avenue, NW Suite #600 Washington, DC 20005		5,000	94,874	93,572,000	12/15/2010	NASDAQ

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.
  - (a) Name of issuer
  - (b) Issuer's I.R.S. Identification Number
  - (c) Issuer's S.E.C. file number, if any
  - (d) Issuer's address, including zip code
  - (e) Issuer's telephone number, including area code
2.
  - (a) Name of person for whose account the securities are to be sold
  - (b) Such person's relationship to the issuer (e.g., officer, director, 10% stockholder, or member of immediate family of any of the foregoing)
  - (c) Such person's address, including zip code
3.
  - (a) Title of the class of securities to be sold
  - (b) Name and address of each broker through whom the securities are intended to be sold
  - (c) Number of shares or other units to be sold (if debt securities, give the aggregate face amount)
  - (d) Aggregate market value of the securities to be sold as of a specified date within 10 days prior to filing of this notice
  - (e) Number of shares or other units of the class outstanding, or if debt securities the face amount thereof outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement published by the issuer
  - (f) Approximate date on which the securities are to be sold
  - (g) Name of each securities exchange, if any, on which the securities are intended to be sold

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## TABLE I — SECURITIES TO BE SOLD

Furnish the following information with respect to the acquisition of the securities to be sold and with respect to the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

Title of the Class	Date you Acquired	Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Name of Person from Whom Acquired (If gift, also give date donor acquired)	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Nature of Payment
COMMON	3/20/2010	INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION	CIENA CORPORATION	5,000	3/20/2010	CASH

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

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**TABLE II — SECURITIES SOLD DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS**

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

Name and Address of Seller	Title of Securities Sold	Date of Sale	Amount of Securities Sold	Gross Proceeds
STEPHEN B. ALEXANDER 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM, MD 21090	CIENA CORPORATION	9/15/2010	5,000	74,362
STEPHEN B. ALEXANDER 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM, MD 21090	CIENA CORPORATION	10/15/2010	5,000	73,770
STEPHEN B. ALEXANDER 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM, MD 21090	CIENA CORPORATION	11/15/2010	5,000	73,831

**EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES:**

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**REMARKS:**

The shares covered by this Rule 144 are being sold pursuant to a Rule 10B5-1 plan dated 12/20/2006 and modified 03/10/2009, which is intended to comply with Rule 10B5-1.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

**ATTENTION:**

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

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misstatements  
or omission of  
facts constitute  
Federal  
Criminal  
Violations (See  
18 U.S.C.  
1001)

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