

COHERENT INC
Form 8-K
April 22, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **April 22, 2003**

COHERENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-05255
(Commission File No.)

94-1622541
(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

5100 Patrick Henry Drive
Santa Clara, CA 95054

(Address of principal executive offices)

(408) 764-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 9. Information Being Furnished Under Item 12

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In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216, the following information, which is intended to be furnished under Item 12, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, is instead being furnished under Item 9, Regulation FD Disclosure. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On April 22, 2003, Coherent, Inc. (Coherent) issued a press release regarding its financial results for the quarter ended March 29, 2003. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, Coherent uses non-GAAP measures of operating results, net income and earnings per share, which are adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain income and expenses. These non-GAAP adjustments are provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of our current financial performance and our prospects for the future. Specifically, we believe the non-GAAP results provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain income and expenses that we believe are not indicative of our core operating results. In addition, since we have historically reported non-GAAP results to the investment community, we believe the inclusion of non-GAAP numbers provides consistency in our financial reporting. Further, these non-GAAP results are one of the primary indicators management uses for planning and forecasting in future periods. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 22, 2003

COHERENT, INC.

By: /s/ Helene Simonet
Helene Simonet
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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