

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
July 12, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**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): July 10, 2006

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**Coherent, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-05255**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-1622541**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5100 Patrick Henry Drive**

**Santa Clara, CA 95054**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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**(408) 764-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01** Other Events

On July 10, 2006, Coherent, Inc. ( Coherent ) issued a press release regarding the decision by the German Federal Cartel Office to extend its investigation in connection with its review of Coherent 's proposed acquisition of Excel Technology, Inc. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01** Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Coherent on July 10, 2006

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**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.

**COHERENT, INC.**  
a Delaware corporation

Date: July 12, 2006

By: */s/ Bret M. DiMarco*  
Bret M. DiMarco  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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