COHERENT INC Form 4

March 13, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Stock

P.O. BOX 54980

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOMLINSON LAWRENCE

(First)

Symbol

COHERENT INC [COHR]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

03/12/2012 (Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

(State)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Amount

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common 03/12/2012 M 2,000 A \$0 5,500 (1) D

Code V

Stock Common 3,200 I

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Family

Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (2)	03/12/2012		M	2,000	03/12/2012	03/12/2012	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TOMLINSON LAWRENCE P.O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980	X					

Signatures

/s/ Bret DiMarco, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 03/13/2012

**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) Includes shares previously reported as indirect ownership.
- (2) Reporting Person received one share of common stock for each RSU that vested.

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