#### **COHERENT INC**

Form 4

September 17, 2012

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* ROGERSON GARRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) COHERENT INC [COHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

09/14/2012

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(Street)

P. O. BOX 54980

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/14/2012		M	12,000	A	\$ 33.71	22,500	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		M	6,000	A	\$ 15.21	28,500	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		M	6,000	A	\$ 27.93	34,500	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		M	6,000	A	\$ 35.01	40,500	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2012		S	30,000 (1)	D	\$ 50	10,500	D	

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

1. Title Deriva Securit (Instr. 3	tive	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 ctionDerivative Securities (b) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 33.71	09/14/2012		M		12,000	(2)	04/07/2015	Common Stock	12,0
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 15.21	09/14/2012		M		6,000	(2)	03/11/2019	Common Stock	6,0
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 27.93	09/14/2012		M		6,000	(2)	03/19/2018	Common Stock	6,0
Stock	Qualified Option to buy)	\$ 35.01	09/14/2012		M		6,000	(2)	03/30/2016	Common Stock	6,0

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>F-</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ROGERSON GARRY W							
P. O. BOX 54980	X						
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980							
Signatures							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Bret DiMarco, Pursuant to Power of	09/17/2012		
Attorney			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- \* 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) Sold Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted on May 21, 2012.
- (2) The shares subject to the option are fully vested and exercisable.

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