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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> DiMarco Bret			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COHERENT INC [COHR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) P.O. BOX 54980			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2012					(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> X Officer (give title <u></u> Other (specify below) Exec VP & General Counsel			
Filed(M				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 			
SANTA CL	ARA, CA 9505	6-0980						Person		porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Executio any		Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ny/Year) (Instr. 8) (A)			Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/29/2012			М	1,667	А	\$0	14,653	D		
Common Stock	11/29/2012			F	612 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 46.24	14,041	D		

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

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

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying SecuritiesI(Instr. 3 and 4)S(Instr. 5 and 4)S	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	11/29/2012		М	1,667	(3)	11/29/2012	Common Stock	1,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DiMarco Bret P.O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980			Exec VP & General Counsel				
Signatures							
/s/ Leen Simonet, attorney-in-fact	12/03/2012						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Da	te					
Explanation of Poor	onco	<u>.</u> .					

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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations for released restricted stock units.
- (2) Reporting Person received one share of common stock for each RSU that vested.
- (3) This Restricted Stock Unit award vests over three years with one third of the grant vesting on each of the subsequent anniversaries of the grant.

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