SOBEY MARK STEWART

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SOBEY MARK STEWART			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COHERENT INC [COHR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	,		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE			11/29/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				EVP		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported			
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/29/2012		M	2,333	A	\$0	7,834	D		
Common Stock	11/29/2012		F	856 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 46.24	6,978	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number owf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		erivative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) ired or osed of : 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (2)	11/29/2012		M		2,333	(3)	11/29/2012	Common Stock	2,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SOBEY MARK STEWART							
5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE			EVP				
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054							

Signatures

/s/ Leen Simonet, attorney-in-fact 12/03/2012

**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) 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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