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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

Merk Thomas

(First)

5100 PATRICK HENRY DR

(Middle)

(Zip)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/14/2016

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COHERENT INC [COHR]

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & GM, ILS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SANTA CLARA, Â CAÂ 95054

(Street)

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Title

(Instr. 4)

Number of Shares

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Merk Thomas
5100 PATRICK HENRY DR Â Â ÊVP & GM, ILS Â

SANTA CLARA, CAÂ 95054

Signatures

/s/ Rhonda Fassbender, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 12/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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