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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

A Aquino Michael Gerald

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/19/2006

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

CIENA CORP [CIEN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O CIENA

CORPORATION, Â 1201 WINTERSON ROAD

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

(give title below) (specify below) Sr.V.P. Worldwide Sales

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

X Form filed by One Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

LINTHICUM, MDÂ 21090

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D)

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

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

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Exercisable Date

Title Amount or Number of Derivative Security

Price of

Derivative Security: Direct (D)

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/20/2012	Common Stock	88,000	\$ 6.9	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	08/20/2012	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 4.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	11/19/2012	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 4.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/14/2013	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 5.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	11/05/2013	Common Stock	19,750	\$ 6.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/18/2014	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 3.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/26/2014	Common Stock	37,500	\$ 3.28	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	10/26/2014	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 2.41	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	12/10/2014	Common Stock	80,000	\$ 2.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	06/10/2015	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 2.36	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	10/26/2015	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 2.49	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
Aquino Michael Gerald						
C/O CIENA CORPORATION	Â	Â	Sr.V.P. Worldwide Sales	â		
1201 WINTERSON ROAD	А	A	A St. v.P. Worldwide Sales	A		
LINTHICUM. MD 21090						

Signatures

/s/Michael G. Aquino by Anita Weiskerger per POA 04/28/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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- Option is fully vested. On October 26, 2005, the Board of Directors accelerated the vesting of Ciena's unvested, "out-of-the-money" stock options having an exercise price per share of \$2.50 or greater.
- (2) Option vests at a rate of 25% on October 31, 2005 and 2.084% for each of the 36 months thereafter.
- (3) Option vests at a rate of 25% on June 30, 2006 and 2.084% for each of the 36 months thereafter.
- (4) Option vests in equal amounts over 48 months beginning on November 1, 2005.

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