

Aquino Michael Gerald  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Aquino Michael Gerald</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O CIENA CORPORATION,Â 1201 WINTERSON ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LINTHICUM,Â MDÂ 21090</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/19/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CIENA CORP [CIEN]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  Sr.V.P. Worldwide Sales</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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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)**

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/20/2012	Common Stock	88,000	\$ 6.9	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	08/20/2012	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 4.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	11/19/2012	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 4.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/14/2013	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 5.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	11/05/2013	Common Stock	19,750	\$ 6.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/18/2014	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 3.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/26/2014	Common Stock	37,500	\$ 3.28	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	10/26/2014	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 2.41	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	12/10/2014	Common Stock	80,000	\$ 2.85	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	06/10/2015	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 2.36	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	10/26/2015	Common Stock	70,000	\$ 2.49	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Aquino Michael Gerald C/O CIENA CORPORATION 1201 WINTERSON ROAD LINTHICUM, MD 21090	Â	Â	Â Sr.V.P. Worldwide Sales	Â

## 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).

\*\* 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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- (1) 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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