

COHERENT INC

Form 4

August 19, 2008

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SIMONET HELENE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P. O. BOX 54980

(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COHERENT INC [COHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 31,836 A \$ 19.77	45,454	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		S	31,836 D \$ 36.65 (1) (4)	13,618	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M	3,000 A \$ 19.77	16,618	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		S	3,000 D \$ 37.68 (2) (4)	13,618	D	
	08/18/2008		M	15,164 A	28,782	D	

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Common					\$		
Stock					19.77		
Common	08/18/2008	S	15,164	D	\$	36.78	13,618 D
Stock					(3) (4)		

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.77	08/15/2008		M		34,836		04/04/2006	04/04/2009	Common Stock	34,836
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.77	08/18/2008		M		15,164		04/04/2006	04/04/2009	Common Stock	15,164

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SIMONET HELENE P. O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980	Exec VP and CFO

Signatures

Simonet, Helene

08/19/2008

__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 the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.50 to \$37.46
- (2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$37.55 to \$37.69
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.65 to \$36.95
- (4) The undersigned undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

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