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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 19, 2004
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIENA Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-21969 23-2725311 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 865-8500

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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The information in this Report, including the exhibit, is furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K and, pursuant to General Instruction B.6. thereunder, is not "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Furthermore, the information in this Report, including the exhibit, is not incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

ITEM 12 -- RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 19, 2004, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2004. The text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description of Document

Exhibit 99.1 Text of Press Release dated August 19, 2004, issued by CIENA

Corporation, reporting its results of operations for the

third quarter of fiscal 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CIENA CORPORATION

Dated: August 19, 2004 By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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