

COHERENT INC
Form 8-K
May 23, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

May 23, 2005

Coherent, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-05255
(Commission File Number)

94-1622541
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5100 Patrick Henry Drive

Santa Clara, CA 95054

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(408) 764-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02
Principal Officers.**

Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of

On May 20, 2005, Michael J. Cumbo, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Optics, notified the Registrant of his plans to resign in order to accept the position of president and chief executive officer of a high technology, venture capital backed, private company. Dr. Cumbo's effective resignation date will be agreed upon between him and the Registrant, but shall not be later than July 8, 2005. Dr. Cumbo joined Registrant in July 2004.

SIGNATURES

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

COHERENT, INC.
a Delaware corporation

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By: /s/ Helene Simonet
Helene Simonet
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 23, 2005