

Merk Thomas
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Merk Thomas

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE
 (Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/13/2018

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)
 EVP & GM, ILS

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/13/2018		A		2,636 (1) \$ 0	4,844 (2)	D

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)

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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)
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2018		A	2,546	(3) 11/13/2021	Common Stock 2,546

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merk Thomas 5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			EVP & GM, ILS	

Signatures

/s/ Rhonda Fassbender, pursuant to Power of Attorney

11/15/2018

__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) On November 13, 2018 the Reporting Person was granted 2,636 Restricted Stock Units which will vest in three equal installments on each of November 13, 2019, November 13, 2020 and November 13, 2021.
- (2) Includes 3,968 Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) This Performance Restricted Stock Unit award vests after the three year anniversary of the grant based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 1000 Index for the 90 trading days on and prior to November 13, 2021 versus the same 90 trading day period ending November 13, 2018. The number of shares in the table reflects the number of RSUs at target. The actual range of RSUs is 0-200% of the target number, depending upon what achievement, if any, results at the measurement date.

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