

DiMarco Bret
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DiMarco Bret

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/29/2010

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

Exec VP & General Counsel

PO BOX 54980

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/01/2010 | | M | 600 A \$ 23.16 | 5,992 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/01/2010 | | S | 600 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 43.035 ₍₂₎ | 5,392 | 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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares of Underlying Security |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 11/29/2010 | | A | 5,000 | (3) 11/29/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 11/29/2010 | | A | 10,000 | (4) 12/15/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.16 | 12/01/2010 | | M | 600 | 07/17/2009 07/17/2014 | Common Stock | 600 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DiMarco Bret PO BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980 | | | Exec VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ Helene Simonet, Exec VP, CFO & Power of Attorney 12/01/2010

__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) Sold Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted on May 28, 2010.
- (2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$43.00 to \$43.07.
- (3) This Restricted Stock Unit award vests over three years with one third of the grant vesting on each of the subsequent anniversaries of the grant.
- (4) This Performance Restricted Stock Unit award vests over three years with up to one third of the grant vesting on December 15 of each year based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 2000 Index for the 30 trading days on and prior to November 29 of each year versus the same 30 trading day period for the preceding year.

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