

COHERENT INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
VICTOR RONALD A

(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 HR

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A  | \$ 30.92                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 5,000   | D  | \$ 37.6 (1) (6)                            |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 5,058   | A  | \$ 19.77                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 5,058   | D  | \$ 36.06 (2) (6)                           |
| Common Stock                    | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 19,942  | A  | \$ 19.77                                   |

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|              |            |   |        |   |                        |        |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | S | 19,942 | D | \$<br>36.38<br>(3) (6) | 6,585  | D |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | M | 3,786  | A | \$<br>26.41            | 10,371 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | S | 3,786  | D | \$<br>36.53<br>(4) (6) | 6,585  | D |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | M | 21,214 | A | \$<br>26.41            | 27,799 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2008 | S | 21,214 | D | \$<br>36.67<br>(5) (6) | 6,585  | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 30.92   | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | 05/25/2005 08/25/2009                                    |   | Common Stock               | 5,000                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 19.77   | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,058   | 04/04/2006 04/04/2009                                    |   | Common Stock               | 5,058                      |
| Non Qualified                              | \$ 19.77   | 08/15/2008                           |  | M                              | 19,942  | 04/04/2006 04/04/2009                                    |   | Common Stock               | 19,942                     |

Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Incentive

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 26.41

08/15/2008

M

3,786

03/25/2007

03/25/2010

Common  
Stock

3,786

Non  
Qualified

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 26.41

08/15/2008

M

21,214

03/25/2005

03/25/2010

Common  
Stock

21,214

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| VICTOR RONALD A<br>P. O. BOX 54980<br>SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980 |               |           | Exec VP HR |       |

## Signatures

Victor, Ronald  
A. 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 \$37.50 to \$38.08
- (2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.00 to \$36.15
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.15 to \$36.52
- (4) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.52 to \$36.54
- (5) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.54 to \$36.85
- (6) 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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