JAMES SUSAN M. Form 4 March 01, 2013

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 * JAMES SUSAN M.

> (First) (Middle)

P. O. BOX 54980

(Last)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COHERENT INC [COHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

4. Securities (A) Transaction(s)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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(9-02)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

Acquired

(Instr. 8)

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

or Numbe

Amoun

of Shares

Restricted

Stock \$ 0 02/27/2013 A 3,500 02/15/2014 Common Stock 3,500

Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JAMES SUSAN M.

P. O. BOX 54980 X

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056

Signatures

Bret DiMarco, General Counsel & Power of Attorney 03/01/2013

**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) The Reporting Person is entitled to receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit. The Restricted Stock Units will be fully vested on February 15, 2014.

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