

CIENA CORP
Form 8-K
September 25, 2012

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): September 24, 2012

Ciena Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-21969
(Commission File Number)

23-2725311
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7035 Ridge Road, Hanover, MD
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

21076
(Zip Code)

(410) 694-5700
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 - DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

(b) On September 24, 2012, Manuel D. Medina tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors, effective as of that date. Mr. Medina noted that his decision to resign was not due to any disagreement with the Company relating to its operations, policies or practices. Mr. Medina advised the Company that his resignation was due to potential conflicts that may arise from his possible future investment activities.

In connection with Mr. Medina's resignation, the Board of Directors, by resolution in accordance with the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, has reduced its size from nine members to eight, effective immediately. This reduction will have the effect of reducing from three to two the number of directors in Class III of the Board of Directors who will stand for election at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Ciena's other Board classes will continue to have three directors each, with Class I standing for election at the 2013 annual meeting and Class II standing for election at the 2014 annual meeting.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Ciena Corporation

Date: September 25, 2012

By: /s/ David M. Rothenstein
David M. Rothenstein
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary