

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2006

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### 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): **October 23, 2006**

### COHERENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-05255**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1622541**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**5100 Patrick Henry Drive**

**Santa Clara, CA 95054**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(408) 764-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On October 23, 2006, Coherent, Inc. agreed to extend the deadline for the German Federal Cartel Office's (the "FCO") final decision in its review of Coherent's proposed acquisition of Excel Technology from October 24, 2006 to October 27, 2006 in order to allow further discussions with the FCO.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 23, 2006

COHERENT, INC.

By: /s/ BRET M. DIMARCO  
Bret M. DiMarco  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

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