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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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): **January 28, 2008**

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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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

The Compensation and H.R. Committee of the registrant's board of directors (the Committee) extended the expiration date of stock option grants held by employees of the registrant which were due to expire on April 25, 2008. The Committee extended the expiration date of these options for a period of 16 months. Included in this extension were options held by 142 employees of the registrant, including John Ambroseo, Helene Simonet, Luis Spinelli and Ronald Victor.

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: February 1, 2008

COHERENT, INC.

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