

DiMarco Bret  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
DiMarco Bret

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO 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)  
10/14/2010

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 & General Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	10/14/2010		M		100 A \$ 32.95	1,595	D
Common Stock	10/14/2010		S		100 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 41.5	1,495	D
Common Stock	10/15/2010		M		8,132 A \$ 32.95	9,627	D
Common Stock	10/15/2010		S		8,132 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 41.5	1,495	D
Common Stock	10/18/2010		M		1,753 A \$ 32.95	3,248	D

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Common Stock      10/18/2010      S      1,753<sup>(1)</sup>      D      \$ 41.5      1,495      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	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.95	10/14/2010		M	100	04/15/2009 10/03/2013	Common Stock	100	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.95	10/15/2010		M	8,132	04/15/2009 10/03/2013	Common Stock	8,132	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.95	10/18/2010		M	1,753	04/15/2009 10/03/2013	Common Stock	1,753	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

DiMarco Bret  
PO BOX 54980  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

Exec VP & General Counsel

## Signatures

Bret DiMarco 10/18/2010

    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) Sold Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted on May 28, 2010.

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