

COHERENT INC  
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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 \*  
VICTOR RONALD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P. O. 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)  
08/15/2008

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 HR

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M		5,000 A \$ 30.92	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		S		5,000 D \$ 37.6 (1) (6)	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M		5,058 A \$ 19.77	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		S		5,058 D \$ 36.06 (2) (6)	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M		19,942 A \$ 19.77	D	

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Common Stock	08/15/2008	S	19,942	D	\$ 36.38 (3) (6)	6,585	D
Common Stock	08/15/2008	M	3,786	A	\$ 26.41	10,371	D
Common Stock	08/15/2008	S	3,786	D	\$ 36.53 (4) (6)	6,585	D
Common Stock	08/15/2008	M	21,214	A	\$ 26.41	27,799	D
Common Stock	08/15/2008	S	21,214	D	\$ 36.67 (5) (6)	6,585	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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.92	08/15/2008		M	5,000	05/25/2005	08/25/2009	Common Stock	5,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.77	08/15/2008		M	5,058	04/04/2006	04/04/2009	Common Stock	5,058
Non Qualified	\$ 19.77	08/15/2008		M	19,942	04/04/2006	04/04/2009	Common Stock	19,942

Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Incentive  
Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

Non  
Qualified  
Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 26.41	08/15/2008	M	3,786	03/25/2007	03/25/2010	Common Stock	3,786
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\$ 26.41	08/15/2008	M	21,214	03/25/2005	03/25/2010	Common Stock	21,214
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VICTOR RONALD A P. O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980			Exec VP HR	

## Signatures

Victor, Ronald  
A. 08/19/2008

\*\*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) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$37.50 to \$38.08
- (2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.00 to \$36.15
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.15 to \$36.52
- (4) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.52 to \$36.54
- (5) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$36.54 to \$36.85
- (6) The undersigned undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

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