

DiMarco Bret  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DiMarco Bret

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COHERENT INC [COHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 54980

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/20/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Exec VP & General Counsel

(Street)  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/20/2010		M	3,500 A \$ 0	6,967	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2010		F	1,575 (1) D \$ 42.99	5,392	D	
Common Stock	11/22/2010		M	600 A \$ 23.16	5,992	D	
Common Stock	11/22/2010		S	600 (2) D \$ 43.035 (3)	5,392	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	11/20/2010		M	3,500	<u>(4)</u>	11/20/2012	Common Stock	3,500
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.16	11/22/2010		M	600	11/17/2009	11/17/2014	Common Stock	600

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Exec VP & General Counsel

## Signatures

Bret DiMarco 11/23/2010

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations for released restricted units.

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

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- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$43.00 to \$43.07.
- (4) This Restricted Stock Unit award vests over three years with one third of the grant vesting on each of the subsequent anniversaries of the grant.

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