

COHERENT INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
TOMLINSON LAWRENCE

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)  
P.O. BOX 54980  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2009

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	12/22/2009		M		100 A \$ 26.41	5,300	D
Common Stock	12/22/2009		S		100 (1) D \$ 28.5	5,200	D
Common Stock	12/23/2009		M		2,900 A \$ 26.41	8,100	D
Common Stock	12/23/2009		S		2,900 (1) D \$ 28.5	5,200	D
Common Stock	12/23/2009		M		3,000 A \$ 26.41	8,200	D
	12/23/2009		S		D \$ 29	5,200	D

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Common Stock 3,000  
(1)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	12/22/2009		M	100	03/25/2007 03/25/2014	Common Stock	100
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	12/23/2009		M	2,900	03/25/2007 03/25/2014	Common Stock	2,900
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	12/23/2009		M	3,000	03/25/2007 03/25/2014	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TOMLINSON LAWRENCE  
P.O. BOX 54980  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

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## Signatures

/s/ Bret DiMarco, General Counsel & Power of  
Attorney

12/23/2009

\_\_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 August 25, 2009.

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