

CIENA CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 31, 2008**

**Ciena Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-21969**  
(Commission File Number)

**23-2725311**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**21090**  
(Zip Code)

**(410) 865-8500**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On January 31, 2008, Ciena Corporation and Northrop Grumman Guidance and Electronics Company (previously named Litton Systems, Inc.) entered into an agreement to settle patent-related litigation between the parties pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. A description of this litigation and the history of the proceedings can be found in Item 3. Legal Proceedings of Part I of Ciena's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 27, 2007. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Ciena has made a one-time payment of \$7.7 million, in full satisfaction of all claims in the lawsuit. The payment will be recorded in Ciena's first quarter of fiscal 2008.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Ciena Corporation**

Date: January 31, 2008

By: /S/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary