

CIENA CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 28, 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) August 27, 2008  
Ciena Corporation  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-21969**

**23-2725311**

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD**

**21090**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR**

On August 27, 2008, the Board of Directors of Ciena Corporation ( Ciena ) approved certain amendments to Ciena s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Bylaws ). Article I , Section 4 of the Bylaws was amended to clarify the applicability of Ciena s advance notice provision to all stockholder proposals, whether or not submitted for inclusion in Ciena s proxy statement. Article I, Section 4(A)(3)(c), governing stockholder submission of a proposal or nomination of a person for election as a director, requires a stockholder to include the following information in the advance notice provided to Ciena:

the name and address of such stockholder and any beneficial owner;

the class and number of shares that are owned beneficially and of record by the stockholder and any beneficial owner;

a representation that the stockholder is entitled to vote at the meeting and intends to attend the meeting to present the proposal or director nomination; and

whether the stockholder intends to conduct a proxy solicitation.

This provision was amended to require that the stockholder provide the following additional information:

a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding between the stockholder, any beneficial owner, any of their affiliates or other persons acting in concert with them, with respect to the nomination or proposal; and

a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, warrants, stock appreciation or similar rights, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares, entered into as of the notice date by, or on behalf of, the stockholder and any beneficial owner, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss, manage risk, benefit from share price changes, or increase or decrease voting power of the stock held by such person.

The preceding summary of the amendments is qualified in its entirety by reference to Ciena s Bylaws, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and are incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit Number Description of Document

Exhibit 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Ciena Corporation

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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: August 28, 2008

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