

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
January 10, 2007

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 4, 2007**

### COHERENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-05255**

(Commission File No.)

**94-1622541**

(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**5100 Patrick Henry Drive  
Santa Clara, CA 95054**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(408) 764-4000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- 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))
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**ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b)

On January 4, 2007, Paul Meissner, Executive Vice President, Global Product Business Organization of Coherent, Inc. ( Coherent or the Company ), notified the Company of his intent to accept a position as the chief executive officer of a private company and that he would leave Coherent effective January 12, 2007.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 10, 2007

COHERENT, INC.

By: /s/ Bret M. DiMarco  
Bret M. DiMarco  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel