

COHERENT INC
Form 8-K
December 17, 2014

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): **December 11, 2014**

COHERENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-33962
(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)

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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

On December 11, 2014, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Coherent, Inc. (the Company), upon recommendation of the Compensation and H.R. Committee (the Committee), approved a new Change of Control Severance Plan (the Plan), which replicated the prior change of control severance plan, but extended its term through December 31, 2018. The Plan provides certain benefits in the event of a change in control of the Company for certain employees, including each of its named executive officers.

The above description of the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Plan, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Change of Control Severance Plan

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: December 17, 2014

COHERENT, INC.

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

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