

SPINELLI LUIS  
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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 \*  
SPINELLI LUIS

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/30/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP, CTO

(Street)  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	04/30/2010		J	V	601 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 21.2925	4,717	D	
Common Stock	10/29/2010		J	V	370 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 32.504	5,087	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2010		M		8,760	A	\$ 33.71	13,847	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2010		S		8,760	D	\$ 43.7602 <sup>(2)</sup>	5,087	I	"By Family Trust"
Common Stock	11/10/2010		S		1,414	D	\$ 43.4372	3,673	D	

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Common Stock	11/10/2010	M	326	A	\$ 33.71	3,999	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2010	S	326	D	\$ 43.139	3,673	I	"By Family Trust"
Common Stock	11/10/2010	M	2,914	A	\$ 33.71	6,587	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2010	S	2,914	D	\$ 43.4	3,673	I	"By Family Trust"

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.71	11/09/2010		M	8,760	04/07/2007 04/07/2011	Common Stock	8,760	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.71	11/10/2010		M	326	04/07/2007 04/07/2011	Common Stock	326	
Non Qualified	\$ 33.71	11/10/2010		M	2,914	04/07/2007 04/07/2011	Common Stock	2,914	

Stock  
Option  
(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPINELLI LUIS P. O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980			Exec VP, CTO	

## Signatures

/s/ Bret DiMarco, General Counsel & Power of Attorney	11/12/2010
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\_\_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) Purchase under employee stock purchase plan.
  - (2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$43.60 to \$43.93.
  - (3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$43.43 to \$43.45.

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