

COHERENT INC  
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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 \*  
Press Clifford

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O OLIVER PRESS PARTNERS, INC., 152 WEST 57TH STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COHERENT INC [COHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/19/2008		A		2,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock					2,604,089 <sup>(2)</sup>	I <sup>(2)</sup>	See Footnote 2. <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Nonqualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.93	03/19/2008		A	24,000	03/18/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/19/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Press Clifford  
C/O OLIVER PRESS PARTNERS, INC.  
152 WEST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

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## Signatures

/s/ Clifford Press                      03/21/2008

\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Grant of restricted stock units cliff vesting on the day prior to the issuer's 2011 annual stockholders' meeting. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Coherent common stock.

The reporting person is a director of Coherent, Inc. (the "Company"). The reporting person is also a (i) Managing Member of Oliver Press Investors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the general partner of each of Davenport Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Davenport"), JE Partners, a Bermuda partnership ("JE"), and Oliver Press Master Fund LP, a Cayman limited partnership ("Master Fund"; and, together with Davenport and JE, the "Partnerships"), and (ii) Managing Member of Oliver Press Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the investment advisor to each of the Partnerships. The Partnerships own certain securities of the Company, all of which are subject to the shared voting and investment authority of the reporting person, among others. The reporting person's interest in the securities reported on Table I herein is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest in the Partnerships, if any.

(3) Upon ultimate realization of cash proceeds with respect to the 2000 restricted stock units and the 24000 nonqualified stock options, such cash proceeds may be applied as a credit against management fees payable by the Partnerships. The reporting person's interest in the securities reported on Table I and Table II herein is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such securities, if any.

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- (4) These options become exercisable as to one-third of the common shares on each successive vest date of 3/18/2009, 3/18/2010, and 3/18/2011.

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