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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated November 18, 2003.

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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

Dated: November 18, 2003

By: /s/ Joseph R. Chinnici

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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