

CIENA CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 22, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 22, 2003**

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CIENA Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>0-21969</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>23-2725311</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD 21090**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(410) 865-8500**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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The information in this Report, including the exhibit, is furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K and, pursuant to General Instruction B.6. thereunder, is not filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information in this Report, including the exhibit, is not incorporated by reference into the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Report:

Exhibit 99.1 Text of Press Release issued by CIENA Corporation, dated May 22, 2003.

**Item 9 Regulation FD Disclosure (Information Provided Under Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition)**

The information in this Report, which is provided under Item 12, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, is being furnished under Item 9 in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216.

On May 22, 2003, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

**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: May 22, 2003

By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
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