Palatnik Kevin S. Form 4 November 15, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Palatnik Kevin S.	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(
	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
5100 PATRICK HENRY DR	11/13/2018	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/13/2018		M	7,870	A	\$ 0	18,896	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2018		A	7,870 (2)	A	\$ 0	26,766	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2018		F	7,804 (1)	D	\$ 123.26	18,962	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2018		A	5,271 (3)	A	\$0	24,233 (4)	D	

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. Numb orDerivation Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2018		M		7,870	<u>(5)</u>	11/13/2018	Common Stock	7,8
Performance Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/13/2018		A	5,092		<u>(6)</u>	11/13/2021	Comon Stock	5,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Palatnik Kevin S.

5100 PATRICK HENRY DR SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Rhonda Fassbender, pursuant to Power of Attorney

11/15/2018

**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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations for released restricted stock units.
- (2) Additional shares acquired pursuant to the maximum achievement of the performance criteria beyond the target number, as described in footnote (5) on Table II.
- On November 13, 2018 the Reporting Person was granted 5,271 Restricted Stock Units which will vest in three equal installments on each of November 13, 2019, November 13, 2020 and November 13, 2021.

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- (4) Includes 7,269 Restricted Stock Units.
- This Performance Restricted Stock Unit award vested on the three year anniversary of the grant based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 2000 Index for the 90 trading days on and prior to November 13, 2018 versus the same 90 trading day period ending November 13, 2015. The number of shares in the table reflects the target number of achieved RSUs. The actual range of RSUs was 0-200% of the target number, depending upon the achievement results at the measurement date.
- This Performance Restricted Stock Unit award vests after the three year anniversary of the grant based on the relative performance of the underlying stock versus the Russell 1000 Index for the 90 trading days on and prior to November 13, 2021 versus the same 90 trading day period ending November 13, 2018. The number of shares in the table reflects the number of RSUs at target. The actual range of RSUs is 0-200% of the target number, depending upon what achievement, if any, results at the measurement date.

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