AMBROSEO JOHN

Form 4

November 24, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **AMBROSEO JOHN**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

COHERENT INC [COHR]

(Check all applicable)

Pres. and CEO

P.O. BOX 54980

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2009

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below)

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code

(Instr. 8)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	11/20/2009		A		37,500		<u>(1)</u>	11/20/2016	Common Stock	37,500
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.16	11/20/2009		A		75,000		<u>(1)</u>	11/20/2016	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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AMBROSEO JOHN P.O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980	X		Pres. and CEO				
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Signatures

/s/ Bret DiMarco, General Counsel & Power of Attorney 11/24/2009

**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) The grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning November 20, 2010.

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