

AMBROSEO JOHN  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
AMBROSEO JOHN

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)  
P.O. BOX 54980

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/12/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Pres. and CEO

(Street)  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/12/2010		M		125,000	A	\$ 26.41 199,180
Common Stock	02/12/2010		S		125,000	D	\$ 30.0974 74,180
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/16/2010		M		21,214	A	\$ 26.41 95,394
Common Stock	02/16/2010		S		21,214	D	\$ 30.2213 74,180
	02/16/2010		M		3,786	A	\$ 26.41 77,966

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Common  
Stock <sup>(1)</sup>

Common Stock	02/16/2010		S	3,786	D	\$ 30.2213	74,180	D
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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	02/12/2010		M	125,000	03/25/2007 03/25/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	02/16/2010		M	21,214	03/25/2007 03/25/2010	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.41	02/16/2010		M	3,786	03/25/2007 03/25/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AMBROSEO JOHN P.O. BOX 54980 SANTA CLARA, CA 95056-0980	X		Pres. and CEO	

## Signatures

John Ambroseo                      02/16/2010  
 \*\*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) This option was set to expire in March 2010.

(2) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$29.9982 to \$30.3373.

(3) Represents the weighted average sales price for the shares. The range of prices for such sales was \$30.081 to \$30.400.

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