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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 *
 Sechrist Paul F

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)
 5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/13/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP Worldwide Sales & Services

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/13/2018		M	2,445 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 0 3,310	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2018		F	846 ⁽²⁾ D	\$ 123.26 2,464	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2018		M	3,667 ⁽¹⁾ A	\$ 0 6,131	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2018		A	3,667 ^{(1) (3)} A	\$ 0 9,798	I	Family Trust
Common Stock	11/13/2018		F	3,103 ⁽²⁾ D	\$ 123.26 6,695	I	Family Trust

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- (1) Released shares issued to family trust.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations for released restricted stock units.
- (3) Additional shares acquired pursuant to the maximum achievement of the performance criteria beyond the target number, as described in footnote (5) on Table II.
- (4) On November 13, 2018 the Reporting Person was granted 6,588 Restricted Stock Units which will vest in three equal installments on each of November 13, 2019, November 13, 2020 and November 13, 2021.
- (5) Includes 8,252 Restricted Stock Units.

(6) 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.

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