COHERENT INC Form 8-K May 23, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

May 23, 2005

Coherent, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-05255 (Commission File Number) 94-1622541 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5100 Patrick Henry Drive

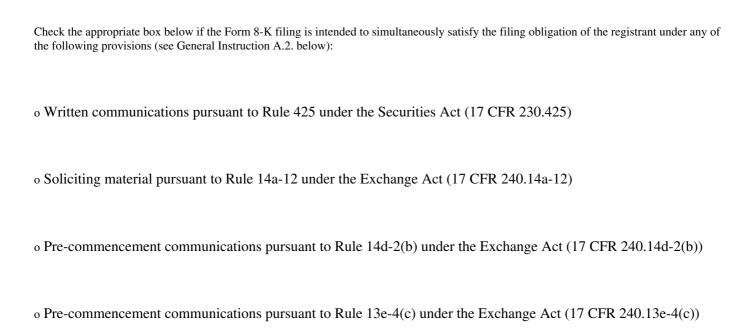
Santa Clara, CA 95054

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 764-4000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)



Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On May 20, 2005, Michael J. Cumbo, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Optics, notified the Registrant of his plans to resign in order to accept the position of president and chief executive officer of a high technology, venture capital backed, private company. Dr. Cumbo s effective resignation date will be agreed upon between him and the Registrant, but shall not be later than July 8, 2005. Dr. Cumbo joined Registrant in July 2004.

SIGNATURES

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

COHERENT, INC.

a Delaware corporation

By:/s/ Helene Simonet Helene Simonet Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 23, 2005

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