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ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 3, 2004, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the fiscal quarter ended July 31, 2004. The text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits -- The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Report:

Exhibit 99.1 -- Text of Press Release issued by CIENA Corporation,  
dated August 3, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CIENA CORPORATION

Dated: August 3, 2004

By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary