

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Ortmanns Stefan</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>15 WAYSIDE ROAD</u> (Street) <u>BURLINGTON MA 01803</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Cerence Inc. [CRNC]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/03/2020</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2020 | | A | | 6,364 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.01 | 207,643 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2020 | | A | | 8,673 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$0.01 | 216,316 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2020 | | A | | 49,172 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$0.01 | 265,488 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2020 | | F | | 24,930 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | \$59 | 240,558 | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of Restricted Stock Units that will vest 100% on November 20, 2020, issued pursuant to the Company's FY2020 Short-Term Incentive Program.
2. Shares are subject to a Restricted Stock Unit Agreement. Shares vest one-third on each of October 1, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
3. These shares are pursuant to a performance-based restricted stock unit agreement with the Company whereby targets defined by the Compensation Committee were deemed to be achieved for fiscal year 2020.
4. These shares were withheld by the Company to cover the tax liability due upon the vesting of the restricted stock award for the performance-based shares.

/s/ Leanne Fitzgerald attorney-in-fact 11/05/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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