

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>Dhawan Sanjay</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>15 WAYSIDE ROAD</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>BURLINGTON MA 01803</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Cerence Inc. [ CRNC ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/22/2021</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br><u>Chief Executive Officer</u><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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                    | 03/22/2021                           |                                                    | S                              |   | 2,669 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>                                        | D          | \$101.8  | 369,227                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/22/2021                           |                                                    | S                              |   | 2,430 <sup>(1)(2)(4)</sup>                                        | D          | \$102.81 | 366,797                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/22/2021                           |                                                    | S                              |   | 2,981 <sup>(1)(2)(5)</sup>                                        | D          | \$103.63 | 363,816                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/22/2021                           |                                                    | S                              |   | 502 <sup>(1)(2)(6)</sup>                                          | D          | \$104.99 | 363,314                                                                                       | 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 |                                                                                        | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date |                                                                                   |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These sales relate to Mr. Dhawan's Make-Whole RSUs described in the Company's 2020 Proxy Statement filed on January 24, 2020.
2. This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on 9/22/2020
3. The reporting person executed a trade order through a broker-dealer which resulted in multiple same day, same way open market sales, with prices ranging from \$101.14 to \$102.12 per share. The reporting person has reported these sales on an aggregate basis using the weighted average price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Company or a security holder of the Company, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
4. The reporting person executed a trade order through a broker-dealer which resulted in multiple same day, same way open market sales, with prices ranging from \$102.15 to \$103.15 per share. The reporting person has reported these sales on an aggregate basis using the weighted average price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Company or a security holder of the Company, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
5. The reporting person executed a trade order through a broker-dealer which resulted in multiple same day, same way open market sales, with prices ranging from \$103.16 to \$104.10 per share. The reporting person has reported these sales on an aggregate basis using the weighted average price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Company or a security holder of the Company, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
6. The reporting person executed a trade order through a broker-dealer which resulted in multiple same day, same way open market sales, with prices ranging from \$104.26 to \$104.99 per share. The reporting person has reported these sales on an aggregate basis using the weighted average price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Company or a security holder of the Company, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

/s/ Leanne Fitzgerald attorney-in-fact 03/23/2021

\*\* 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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