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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>Arshad Iqbal</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1 BURLINGTON WOODS</u><br><u>3RD FLOOR, SUITE #301A</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>BURLINGTON MA</u> <u>01803</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>08/24/2023</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Cerence Inc.</u> [ <u>CRNC</u> ]   |   |
|  |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>EVP, CTO</u> | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)<br><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <u>Common Stock</u>             | <u>131,875</u>  | <u>D</u>   |   |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Jennifer Salinas Attorney-in-Fact 08/25/2023

\*\* 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 5 (b)(v).  
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