

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
November 30, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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): **November 20, 2009**

**COHERENT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-33962**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1622541**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**5100 Patrick Henry Drive**

**Santa Clara, CA 95054**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(408) 764-4000**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

As previously disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 24, 2009, Coherent, Inc., by and through its Special Litigation Committee, plaintiffs, and certain of Coherent's former and current officers and directors entered into a settlement of the consolidated shareholder derivative litigation captioned *In re Coherent, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Lead Case No. C-07-0955-JF (N.D. Cal.), which settlement was subject to the final approval of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

On November 20, 2009, a hearing for final approval of the settlement was held in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. On November 24, 2009, the court entered an Order and Final Judgment, which approved the settlement and dismissed the action with prejudice ( Final Order ). The Final Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Order and Final Judgment

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 30, 2009

COHERENT, INC.

By: /s/ Bret M. DiMarco  
Bret M. DiMarco  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel