Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Dhawan Sanjay   |  |         |                 | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerence Inc. [ CRNC ]                  |  |   |  |                |   |                               |                    | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |                  |  |  |          |         |  |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle)   |  |         |                 |  |  | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)           |  |                |   |                               |                    |   | X  | Office<br>belov  | er (give title<br>v)   |  | Other (s | specify |  |  |
| 15 WAYSIDE ROAD   |  |         |                 |  | 02/10/2021   |   |  |                |   |                               |                    |   | Chief Executive Officer  |                  |  |  |          |         |  |  |
| (Street)  |  |         |                 |  | 4. If A  |   |  |                |   |                               |                    |   |  | 6. Indi<br>Line) | i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                    |  |          |         |  |  |
| BURLINGTON MA 01803   |  |         |                 |  |  |   |  |                |   |                               |                    |   |  | X                | •  |  |          |         |  |  |
| (City)  | (St  | ate) (2 | Zip)            |  |  |   |  |                |   |                               |                    |   |  |                  |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person                    |          |         |  |  |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |         |                 |  |  |   |  |                |   |                               |                    |   |  |                  |  |  |          |         |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/  |  |         | Execution Date, |  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) |   |  | and 5) Securit |   | ties<br>cially<br>I Following | Form<br>(D) o      | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>ostr. 4)                                    | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |                  |  |  |          |         |  |  |
|   |  |         |                 |  |  | Code  | v  | Amount         | (A) (D)   | or Pr                         | ice                | Transa  | ction(s)<br>and 4)   |                  |  | (111501.4)   |          |         |  |  |
| Common Stock 02/10/20   |  |         | )21             |  |  |   | S  |                | 25,613(1)(2)  | ) D                           | \$                 | 126.63  | 38   | 0,477            |  | 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 Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |  |         |                 | 5. Number of Derivative Securitie Acquired (A) or Dispose of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5) |  | vative<br>irities<br>iired<br>r<br>osed<br>)<br>r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>3 and 4) |                               | De<br>Se<br>(In:   | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)                               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | y                | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |          |         |  |  |
|   |  |         |                 |  | Code   | \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \                   | (A)  | (D)            | Date<br>Exerc   | isable                        | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numl<br>of<br>Share  | per              |  |  |          |         |  |  |

## **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. 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 \$126.50 to \$126.76 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 attorneyin-fact

02/12/2021

\*\* 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).
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