FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Dhawan Sanjay |  |       |         |  |   | Cerence Inc. [ CRNC ]                                       |   |   |   |  |                                    |  |                                   |         | ck all app                                      | ,  | ng Pei                               | rson(s) to Is  |  |  |
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| (Last)  | (I<br>SIDE RO  | ,     | Middle) |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2021 |   |   |   |  |                                    |  |                                   | X       | below   | ,  | utive                                | Other (specify below)  |  |  |
| (Street) BURLIN (City)                                  | URLINGTON MA 01803  Eity) (State) (Zip)  |       |         |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |   |   |  |                                    |  |                                   | Line)   | Form Form Perso                                 | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                      |  |  |  |
|   |  | Table | I - N   | on-Deriva                                  | tive \$                                 | Secui   | rities  | Acc                                     | quirec                                      | d, Dis   | sposed of                          | , or E   | Bene                              | ficial  | ly Own  | ed   |                                      |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                         |  |       |         | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                                    |  |                                   | Benefic | ties Fo<br>cially (D<br>Following (I)           |  | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |  |  |
|   |  |       |         |  | Code                                    | v   | Amount  | (A) o<br>(D)                            | r<br>Pr                                     | ice  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |                                   |         | (111501. 4)                                     |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| Common  | 06/15/2021   |       |         |  |   | S   |   | 5,500(1)(2)                             | D   | \$1  | 112.72                             | 2 30   | 9,522                             |         | D   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| Common Stock  |  |       |         |  | 2021                                    |   |   |   | S   |  | 7,206(1)(3)                        | D  | \$:                               | 113.47  | 7 30  | 2,316  | D                                    |  |  |  |
| Common Stock 06/15/                                     |  |       |         |  | )21                                     |   |   |   | S   |  | 1,612(1)(4)                        | D  | \$                                | 114.4   | 300,704   |  |                                      | D  |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |       |         |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |                                    |  |                                   |         |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  |       | if any  | ution Date,                                | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |   | 6. Date Exer<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ |  | ate                                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Ins<br>3 and 4) |                                   | S<br>(I | . Price of<br>Perivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)                                  | Ow<br>For<br>Dir<br>or<br>(I)        | 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                                    | v   | (A)   | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exerc                               | isable   | Expiration<br>Date                 | Title  | Amor<br>or<br>Numl<br>of<br>Share | ber     |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on 02/23/2021.
- 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 \$112.05 to \$113.04 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.
- 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 \$113.05 to \$114.02 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 \$114.08 to \$114.70 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.

Leanne Fitzgerald attorney-in-06/17/2021

\*\* 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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