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 | | | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerence Inc. [CRNC] | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 15 WAYSIDE ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/19/2020 | | | | | | | X | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) BURLINGTON MA 01803 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| | | | l - No | | | | | - | l, Dis | sposed of, | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | | 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | | | ties cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or F | Price | | ed ction(s) 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Sto | ck | | | 11/19/20 | 020 | | | S | | 25,000(1) | Г | , ; | \$75.18 | 51 | 0,054 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/19/2020 | | | | S | | 25,000 ⁽²⁾ D \$ | | \$77.59 | 485,054 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/20/2020 | | | | S | | 12,500(3) | Г | , ; | \$81.06 | 47 | 2,554 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/20/2020 | | | | S | | 8,000(4) | Г |) (| \$83.39 | 46 | 4,554 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 429(5)(10) | Г |) (| \$81.43 | | 4,125 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 2,972(6)(10) | |) (| \$82.92 | 46 | 1,153 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 2,600 ⁽⁷⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ | |) (| \$84.22 | 458,553 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 1,200(8)(10) | | D \$85.2 | | 457,353 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 863(10) | | \$86.04 | | 456,490 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/23/2020 | | | | S | | 4,500(9) | Г |) ! | \$83.15 | 45 | 1,990 | D | | |
| | | Та | ble II | - Derivati | ve Se | ecurit | ies Acq | uired, | Disp | osed of, o | or Be | nefi | cially (| Owned | d | | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) Pric | eversion Exercise se of ivative urity | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execu | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, | | action (Instr. | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date | Exer | cisable and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4) | | 8. F Der Sec (Ins | curity Secur str. 5) Benef Owner Follow Repor | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownershi | |
| Explanation of I | | | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | Date Exerci | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |

- 1. 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 \$75.00 to \$75.39 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
- 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 \$77.50 to \$77.905 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 \$81.00 to \$81.16 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 \$83.75 to \$84.00 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 \$81.20 to \$81.685 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 \$82.36 to \$83.29 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.
- 7. 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 \$83.58 to \$84.79 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.
- 8. 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 \$85.01 to \$85.76 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.
- 9. 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 \$83.11 to \$83.19 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.

10. This sale was affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on 9/22/2020. These sales relate to Mr. Dhawan's Make-Whole RSUs described in the Company's 2020 Proxy Statement filed on January 24, 2020

/s/ Leanne Fitzgerald attorneyin-fact 11/23/2020

** 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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