

COHERENT INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2008

# 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): **December 16, 2008**

## 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**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**ITEM 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Securityholders**

On December 16, 2008, Coherent, Inc.'s First Amended and Restated Common Shares Rights Agreement with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company terminated after its ten-year term expired. A summary of the material features of the common stock purchase rights is included in the Company's registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 1, 1998, and is incorporated by reference herein.

**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: December 19, 2008

COHERENT, INC.

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