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August 08, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) August 8, 2006

Ciena Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-21969

23-2725311

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD

21090

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(410) 865-8500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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))

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ITEM 8.01 - OTHER EVENTS

On August 8, 2006, Ciena Corporation and Nortel issued a press release announcing that the companies have reached an agreement to settle two patent lawsuits between the companies that have been pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The text of the press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
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Exhibit 99.1	Text of Press Release dated August 8, 2006, issued by Ciena Corporation and Nortel, announcing the settlement of pending patent litigation

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Ciena Corporation

Date: August 8, 2006

By: /S/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary