

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Place Jeffrey B.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O COHERENT CORP.</u> <u>5100 PATRICK HENRY DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>SANTA CLARA</u> <u>CA</u> <u>95054</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/26/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COHERENT CORP.</u> [<u>COHR</u>]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Supply Chain Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>19,839</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 314 shares acquired in non-reportable transactions through Coherent Corp.'s employee stock purchase plan.
2. Includes 19,525 shares underlying restricted stock units granted to the reporting person ("RSUs") under the Issuer's Omnibus Incentive Plan. Each of the RSUs represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement. 6,508 of such restricted stock units will vest on July 1, 2026, and the remaining 13,017 restricted stock units will vest in eight quarterly installments beginning October 1, 2026, in each case subject to the reporting person's continued service.

Remarks:

See attached Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney.

/s/ Chris Forrester,
Attorney-in-fact for Jeffrey 06/05/2026
B. Place

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that Jeffrey B. Place (the “undersigned”) hereby constitutes and appoints Michael Kuder, Chris Forrester and Yian Huang acting as the undersigned’s true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) prepare, execute, submit and file for and on behalf of the undersigned a Form ID, including any amendments thereto, and any other related documents or action necessary or appropriate, including acting as an account administrator, to obtain or update from the Electronic Gathering and Retrieval System of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), the codes, numbers and passphrases enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC;

(2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned’s capacity as an officer and/or director of Coherent Corp. (the “Company”) Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and rules thereunder;

(3) prepare, execute, submit and file for and on behalf of the undersigned, Forms 144, and any amendments thereto, in accordance with Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules thereunder;

(4) prepare and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned reports of ownership on Schedule 13D or 13G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, including any joint filing agreement thereunder, and do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such reports or schedules, and complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto;

(5) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete or execute any such Form ID, Form 3, 4, 5 or 144, Schedule 13D or 13G, any amendments thereto and other related documents, and the timely file such forms, amendments thereto or other related documents with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority;

(6) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in any such attorney-in-fact’s discretion; and

(7) act as an account administrator for the undersigned’s EDGAR account, including: (i) appoint, remove and replace account administrators, account users, technical administrators and delegated entities; (ii) maintain the security of the undersigned’s EDGAR account, including modification of access codes; (iii) maintain, modify and certify the accuracy of information on the undersigned’s EDGAR account dashboard; (iv) act as the EDGAR point of contact with respect to the undersigned’s EDGAR account; and (v) any other actions contemplated by Rule 10 of Regulation S-T with respect to account administrators.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any such attorney-in-fact or such attorney-in-fact’s substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5 or 144 or Schedules 13D or 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company or (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing.

[Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of May 26, 2026.

By: /s/ Jeffrey B. Place

Name: Jeffrey B. Place

Title: Chief Supply
Chain Officer

[Signature Page to Power of Attorney]