

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

## CURRENT REPORT

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **November 13, 2018**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**(408) 764-4000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

**Item 5.02.           Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 13, 2018, the company and Paul Sechrist, Executive Vice President, Worldwide Sales, Service and Marketing, agreed that Mr. Sechrist would continue in his current role until on or about the end of fiscal 2019, which ends on September 28, 2019, after which he would transition to the position of special advisor to the Chief Executive Officer.

**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: November 16, 2018

COHERENT, INC.

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