

Benjamin Richard J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Benjamin Richard J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE
 (Street)

CONCORD, CA 94505

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CERUS CORP [CERS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.32	03/01/2018	A	95,000					<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2028	Common Stock	95,000
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	03/01/2018	A	47,500					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	47,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benjamin Richard J C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94505			Chief Medical Officer	

Signatures

Richard J. Benjamin by Chrystal Menard,
attorney-in-fact

03/08/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- (1) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after the transaction date and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on each monthly anniversary of the transaction date thereafter.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2019.

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