

Menard Chrystal  
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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 \*  
Menard Chrystal

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

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2018

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 Legal 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/10/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 5,701 A <u>(1)</u> 13,055 <u>(2)</u>  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 1,960 <u>(3)</u> D \$ 4.8014 <u>(4)</u> 11,095  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500 A <u>(1)</u> 28,278   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/13/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 2,650 <u>(3)</u> D \$ 5.05 25,628   | D  |  |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                              | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)                                | (D)                        |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/10/2018                           |  | M                              | 5,701   | <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(5)</u>  | Common Stock                       | 5,701                      |
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/12/2018                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | <u>(7)</u>   | <u>(7)</u>  | Common Stock                       | 7,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Menard Chrystal<br>C/O CERUS CORPORATION<br>2550 STANWELL DRIVE<br>CONCORD, CA 94520 |               |           | Chief Legal Officer |       |

## Signatures

Chrystal Menard                      03/13/2018  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (2) Includes 3711 shares, 201 shares, 3003 shares, and 2768 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 8/31/16, 2/28/17, 8/31/17, and 2/28/18, respectively.
- (3) Represents the number of shares required to be sold to cover the statutory tax withholding obligations and corresponding brokerage fee in connection with the vesting of the restricted stock units listed in Table II. This sale is mandated by the election to satisfy the minimum

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statutory tax withholding obligations through a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.

The reported price in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.80 to \$4.9501 per share, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the aforementioned range set forth.

(5) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.

(6) Not applicable.

(7) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.

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