

CERUS CORP  
Form SC 13G  
August 28, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Cerus Corporation**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**157085101**

(CUSIP Number)

**August 19, 2009**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| (1)  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Capital Ventures International                                     |                                  |
| (2)  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)                              |                                  |
|      | (a)  | <input type="radio"/>            |
|      | (b)  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| (3)  | SEC Use Only   |                                  |
| (4)  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Cayman Islands   |                                  |
| (5)  | Sole Voting Power  | 0                                |
| (6)  | Shared Voting Power **   | 2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock |
| (7)  | Sole Dispositive Power   | 0                                |
| (8)  | Shared Dispositive Power **  | 2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock |
| (9)  | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock |                                  |
| (10) | Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)          | <input type="radio"/>            |
| (11) | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)<br>5.2%  |                                  |
| (12) | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)<br>CO  |                                  |

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| (1)  | Names of Reporting Persons<br>Heights Capital Management, Inc.                                   |                                  |
| (2)  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)                              |                                  |
|      | (a)  | <input type="radio"/>            |
|      | (b)  | <input type="radio"/>            |
| (3)  | SEC Use Only   |                                  |
| (4)  | Citizenship or Place of Organization<br>Delaware   |                                  |
| (5)  | Sole Voting Power  | 0                                |
| (6)  | Shared Voting Power **   | 2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock |
| (7)  | Sole Dispositive Power   | 0                                |
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| (9)  | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person<br>2,000,000 Shares of Common Stock |                                  |
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**Item 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer  
Cerus Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company ).
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
2411 Stanwell Drive  
  
Concord, CA 94520

**Item 2**

- (a). Name of Person Filing

This statement is filed by the entities listed below, who are collectively referred to herein as Reporting Persons, with respect to the shares of Common Stock of the Company, \$0.001 par value per share (the Shares ).

- (i) Capital Ventures International

**Item 2**

- (b). (ii) Heights Capital Management, Inc.  
Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

The address of the principal business office of Capital Ventures International is:

One Capitol Place  
  
P.O Box 1787 GT  
  
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands  
  
British West Indies

The address of the principal business office of Heights Capital Management, Inc. is:

101 California Street, Suite 3250  
  
San Francisco, California 94111

**Item 2**

- (c). Citizenship

Citizenship is set forth in Row 4 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

**Item 2**

- (d) Title of Class of Securities

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**Item 2** (e) Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share  
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**Item 3.** **If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

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| (a) | <input type="radio"/> | Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);                               |
| (b) | <input type="radio"/> | Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);   |
| (c) | <input type="radio"/> | Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);                           |
| (d) | <input type="radio"/> | Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8); |
| (e) | <input type="radio"/> | An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);                                      |
| (f) | <input type="radio"/> | An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);                 |

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- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
  - (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
  - (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
  - (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
  - (k)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).
- If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

**Item 4. Ownership**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

The information required by Items 4(a) (c) is set forth in Rows 5 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person. The Company's Prospectus Supplement (to Prospectus dated December 17, 2008, Registration Nos. 333-154842 and 333-161214), filed on August 20, 2009 indicates there are 38,649,123 Shares outstanding as of the completion of the offering of the Shares to the Reporting Persons. In calculating the number and percentage of Shares held by the Reporting Persons, we did not include warrants to purchase 800,000 Shares, which are not exercisable to the extent that the total number of Shares then beneficially owned by the Reporting Person and its Affiliates and any other Persons whose beneficial ownership of Shares would be aggregated with the Reporting Person for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, exceeds 4.99%.

Heights Capital Management, Inc., which serves as the investment manager to Capital Ventures International, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all Shares owned by Capital Ventures International. Each of the Reporting Persons hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any such Shares, except for their pecuniary interest therein.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not applicable

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**Item 9.**

**Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not applicable.

**Item 10.**

**Certification**

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Exhibits:

Exhibit I: Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of August 28, 2009, by and among Capital Ventures International and Heights Capital Management, Inc.

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**Signatures**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information with respect to it set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: August 28, 2009

CAPITAL VENTURES INTERNATIONAL

By: Heights Capital Management, Inc. pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney

By: /s/ Todd Silverberg  
Name: Todd Silverberg  
Title: Secretary

HEIGHTS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Todd Silverberg  
Name: Todd Silverberg  
Title: Secretary

The Limited Power of Attorney executed by Capital Ventures International, authorizing Heights Capital Management, Inc. to sign and file this Schedule 13G on its behalf, which was filed with the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 1, 2006 by Capital Ventures International and Heights Capital Management, Inc. with respect to the common stock of Discovery Laboratories, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference.



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EXHIBIT I

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

This will confirm the agreement by and among the undersigned that the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof with respect to the beneficial ownership by the undersigned of the Shares is being filed, and all amendments thereto will be filed, on behalf of each of the persons and entities named below in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated as of August 28, 2009

CAPITAL VENTURES INTERNATIONAL

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Title: Secretary

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