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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 19, 2009

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-21937 (Commission File No.) 68-0262011 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

2411 Stanwell Drive

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Concord, California 94520

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

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- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 19, 2009, Cerus Corporation (the Company) announced that the Swiss regulatory body, Swissmedic, has approved the use of platelet components treated with the Company s INTERCEPT Blood System. A copy of the Company s press release, entitled Cerus INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets Receives Swiss Approval, is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated August 19, 2009, entitled Cerus INTERCEPT Blood System for Platelets Receives Swiss Approval.

1.

SIGNATURE

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.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: August 19, 2009

By: /s/ Kevin D. Green

Kevin D. Green

Vice President, Finance and Chief

Accounting Officer

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