

Jayaraman Vivek K
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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 *
 Jayaraman Vivek K

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/12/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Commercial Officer

(Street)
 CONCORD, CA 94520

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2018		M	3,750 A <u>(1)</u>	36,034 <u>(2)</u>	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)

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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
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/12/2018		M	3,750	(3) (3)	Common Stock	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Jayaraman Vivek K C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520			Chief Commercial Officer	

Signatures

Vivek Jayaraman by Chrystal Menard,
attorney-in-fact

03/13/2018

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.

(2) Includes 2,779 shares, 5,773 shares and 4,982 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 2/28/17, 8/31/17 and 2/28/18, respectively.

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

(4) Not applicable.

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