

Benjamin Richard J
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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

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2019

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

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE

(Street)

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

Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CONCORD, CA 94505

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/10/2019		M		3,000	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2019		S		1,079 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2019		M		7,500	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2019		S		2,832 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2019		M		15,834	D	

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Common Stock 03/13/2019 S 5,979 D \$ 5.8996 16,444 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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)			
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/10/2019		M		3,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock	3,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/12/2019		M		7,500	(5) (5)	Common Stock	7,500
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/12/2019		M		15,834	(6) (6)	Common Stock	15,834

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

03/13/2019

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (2) 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 statutory tax withholding obligations through a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary sale by the reporting person.
- (3) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 10, 2017.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.
- (6) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2019.

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