Jayaraman Vivek K Form 4 March 13, 2019

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Jayaraman Vivek K Issuer Symbol CERUS CORP [CERS] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 03/12/2019 below) STANWELL DRIVE Chief Commercial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CONCORD, CA 94520

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit oppr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/12/2019		M	3,750	A	<u>(1)</u>	65,308 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2019		M	15,834	A	<u>(1)</u>	81,142	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2019		S	5,979 (3)	D	\$ 5.8996	75,163	D	

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	03/12/2019		M	3,750	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,750	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	03/12/2019		M	15,834	(6)	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	15,834	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Jayaraman Vivek K C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520

Chief Commercial Officer

Signatures

Vivek K. Jayaraman, 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) Includes 4,823 and 1,951 shares purchased under Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on 08/31/18 and 02/28/19, respectively.
- 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.
- (4) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2018.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2019.

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