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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement CERUS CORP [CERS] A Green Kevin Dennis (Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O CERUS (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 2411 STANWELL DRIVE 10% Owner Director (Street) \_X\_\_ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Chief Accounting Officer \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person CONCORD. CAÂ 94520 Form filed by More than One

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(State)

(City)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Reporting Person

Ownership (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

SEC 1473 (7-02)

Common Stock 14,871

(Zip)

Â 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/02/2016	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 10.15	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	10/01/2016	Common Stock	6,150	\$ 5.55	D	Â
Optioin (Right to Buy)	(3)	09/30/2017	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 8.73	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	09/30/2018	Common Stock	11,000	\$ 4.19	D	Â
Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	01/11/2019	Common Stock	23,000	\$ 0.79	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
.r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Green Kevin Dennis C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2411 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520	Â	Â	Chief Accounting Officer	Â		

### **Signatures**

Kevin D. Green by Lori L. Roll, attorney-in-fact 03/26/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after January 3, 2006, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (2) The shares subject to the Option shall vest in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments over 4 years after October 2, 2006.
- One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after October 1, 2007, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after October 1, 2008, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (5) One fourth (1/4th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest annually after January 1, 2009.

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