ERVIN HOWARD G

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

CERUS CORP [CERS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ERVIN HOWARD G

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Month/Day/Year) C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2411 04/23/2009

STANWELL DRIVE

(Street)

CONCORD, CA 94520

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities

Disposed of (D)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

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

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pri **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Vice President, Legal Affairs

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	ired sed 0 3, 4,					(Instr
			Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.06	04/23/2009	A		100		<u>(1)</u>	04/22/2019	Common Stock	100	Œ

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ERVIN HOWARD G C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2411 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520

Vice President, Legal Affairs

Signatures

Howard G. Ervin by Lori L. Roll, attorney-in-fact

04/27/2009

**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) The options will fully vest on June 30, 2009.
- (2) Not applicable.

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