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

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**FORM 15**

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**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION  
UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number 000-21937

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**Cerus Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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2411 Stanwell Drive, Concord, California 94520  
(925) 288-6000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Preferred Share Purchase Rights (1)**  
(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**  
(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

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Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

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| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Rule 15d-6           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Rule 15d-22(b)       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: None

- (1) The Preferred Share Purchase Rights (the "Rights") expired on March 1, 2019 pursuant to the terms of that certain Rights Agreement, dated as of November 3, 1999, which was subsequently amended as of August 6, 2001, October 28, 2009 and March 1, 2019. The Company filed a Form 8-A to register the Rights on October 30, 2009.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Cerus Corporation has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

**Cerus Corporation**

Date: March 5, 2019

By: /s/ Chrystal Menard  
Name: Chrystal Menard  
Title: Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel

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