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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-A/A**  
(AMENDMENT NO. 1)

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**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**CERUS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation or Organization)

**2411 Stanwell Drive, Concord, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**68-0262011**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification no.)

**94520**  
(Zip code)

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following.  1

Securities Act registration statement number to which this form relates: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of Each Class to  
be so Registered**  
**Preferred Share Purchase Rights**

**Name of Each Exchange on Which  
Each Class is to be Registered**  
**The NASDAQ Stock Market**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **Preferred Share Purchase Rights**

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<sup>1</sup> The Preferred Stock Purchase Rights were originally registered under Section 12(g) of the Act, but they became automatically registered under Section 12(b) when The Nasdaq Stock Market became a national securities exchange.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Form 8-A/A is filed by Cerus Corporation (the “Registrant”) to reflect the expiration of the preferred share purchase rights (the “Rights”) registered on the Form 8-A filed by the Registrant on October 30, 2009.

### Item 1. Description of Registrant’s Securities to Be Registered.

On March 1, 2019, the Registrant entered into a Second Amendment to Rights Agreement (the “Amendment”) with Equiniti Trust Company (the “Rights Agent”) to amend that certain Rights Agreement, dated as of November 3, 1999, with Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., a predecessor to the Rights Agent, which was subsequently amended as of August 6, 2001 and October 28, 2009 (the “Rights Agreement”).

The Amendment accelerates the expiration of the Registrant’s preferred share purchase rights (the “Rights”) from the close of business on October 27, 2019, to the close of business on March 1, 2019, and has the effect of terminating the Rights Agreement on that date. At the time of the termination of the Rights Agreement, all of the Rights distributed to holders of the Registrant’s common stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement expired.

The foregoing is a summary of the terms of the Amendment. The summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.3 and incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 2. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended to date (which includes the Certificate of Designation of Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock) (1)
3.2	Certificate of Eliminations of Series A Preferred Stock and Series C Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Cerus Corporation (2)
4.1	Rights Agreement, dated as of November 3, 1999, as amended as of August 6, 2001, between the Registrant and Equiniti Trust Company, as successor to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. (formerly known as Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A.) (3)
4.2	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2009, between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (which includes the Form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B thereto) (3)
4.3	Second Amendment to Rights Agreement by and between Registrant and Equiniti Trust Company, dated March 1, 2019 (2)
(1)	Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (No. 333-72185), filed with the SEC on November 12, 1999, and incorporated by reference herein.
(2)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-21937), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2019.
(3)	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (No. 000-21937), filed with the SEC on October 30, 2009, and incorporated by reference herein.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 5, 2019

CERUS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Chrystal Menard

Name: Chrystal Menard

Title: Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel

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