

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>SCHULZE GAIL</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br><b>C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><br><b>CONCORD, CA 94520</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>CERUS CORP [ CERS ]</b> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner<br>_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)     |
| <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p align="center"><b>6/6/2018</b></p>  |  | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  |  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 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) |
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|                                 |                |                                   | Code                      | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |
| Option (Right to Buy)                    | \$6.77   | 6/6/2018       |                                   | A                         |   | 16399  |     | (1)                                     | 6/5/2028        | Common Stock  | 16399                      | (2)  | 16399  | D  |  |
| Restricted Stock Unit                    | (3)  | 6/6/2018       |                                   | A                         |   | 10223  |     | (4)                                     | (4)             | Common Stock  | 10223                      | (2)  | 10223  | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The option shall vest in twelve (12) equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of the transaction date with the final vesting date being the earlier of (a) one year from the date of grant, or (b) the day prior to the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Cerus Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock unit shall vest on the earlier of (a) one year from the date of grant, or (b) the day prior to the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHULZE GAIL<br>C/O CERUS CORPORATION<br>2550 STANWELL DRIVE<br>CONCORD, CA 94520 | X             |           |         |       |

**Signatures**

Gail Schulze by Chrystal Menard, attorney-in-fact

6/22/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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