

CERUS CORP

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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2006

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-21937
(Commission
File Number)

68-0262011
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**2411 Stanwell Drive
Concord, California 94520**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 30, 2006, Cerus Corporation (the “Company”) announced the closing of its public offering of 5,175,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. A copy of the Company’s press release dated March 30, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company’s press release, dated March 30, 2006, entitled “Cerus Corporation Announces Closing of Follow-On Equity Offering,” a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

- 99.1 Press Release, dated March 30, 2006, entitled “Cerus Corporation Announces Closing of Follow-On Equity Offering.”

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: March 30, 2006

By: /s/ William J. Dawson

William J. Dawson

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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**CERUS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES
CLOSING OF FOLLOW-ON EQUITY OFFERING**

CONCORD, CA, March 30, 2006 - Cerus Corporation (NASDAQ: CERS) today announced the closing of a follow-on equity offering in which Cerus sold a total of 5,175,000 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$8.75 per share. The public offering consisted of 4,500,000 shares of common stock and an over-allotment option, which was exercised in full, for an additional 675,000 shares. All the shares were offered and sold by Cerus Corporation under its effective shelf registration statement. The net proceeds to Cerus Corporation from the offering were approximately \$42.6 million.

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated acted as book-running and co-lead manager of the offering and JMP Securities LLC acted as co-lead manager of the offering.

ABOUT CERUS

Cerus Corporation is developing and commercializing novel, proprietary products and technologies within the fields of immunotherapy and blood safety that are intended to provide safer, more effective medical options to patients in areas of substantial unmet medical needs. In the field of immunotherapy, the company is employing its proprietary attenuated *Listeria* vaccine platform to develop a series of novel therapies to treat cancer, and it is applying its proprietary Killed But Metabolically Active technology platform in research and development of prophylactic and therapeutic vaccines for infectious diseases. In the field of blood safety, the company is developing and commercializing the INTERCEPT Blood System, which is based on the company's proprietary Helinx technology and is designed to enhance the safety of

donated blood components by inactivating viruses, bacteria, parasites and other pathogens, as well as potentially harmful white blood cells.

INTERCEPT and INTERCEPT Blood System are trademarks of Cerus Corporation.

This press release contains forward-looking statements. For this purpose, any statements contained in this press release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements regarding the company's plans to complete a public offering. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "predict" and similar words or expressions or the negative of these words or expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, without limitation, risks related to the progress and results of the Company's research and development programs and the other risks detailed in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. The company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events, changed assumptions or otherwise.

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