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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): May 3, 2004

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-21937 68-0262011 (State of jurisdiction) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2411 Stanwell Drive Concord, California 94520 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On May 3, 2004, Cerus Corporation (the "Company") announced its financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated May 3, 2004, entitled "Cerus Corporation Announces First Quarter Results."

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 3, 2004, the Company announced its financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2004 and conducted a publicly-available conference call discussing those results. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: May 3, 2004 By: /s/ Gregory W. Schafer

Gregory W. Schafer

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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