Greenman William Mariner Form 4

September 03, 2010

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Greenman William Mariner

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CERUS CORP [CERS]

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2010

C/O CERUS CORPORATION, 2550 STANWELL DRIVE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

4. Securities

CONCORD, CA 94520

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP Bus. Dev. & Marketing

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(T)

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

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

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3	09/01/2010		A		100,000		<u>(1)</u>	08/31/2020	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Greenman William Mariner C/O CERUS CORPORATION 2550 STANWELL DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520

Sr. VP Bus. Dev. & Marketing

Signatures

William M. Greenman by Howard G. Ervin, attorney-in-fact

09/03/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- One eighth (1/8th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest six (6) months after the transaction date and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the shares subject to the Option shall vest on the first day of each month thereafter.
- (2) Not Applicable.

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