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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): September 30, 2013

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-21937 (Commission 68-0262011 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File No.)
2550 Stanwell Drive

Identification No.)

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Concord, California 94520

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 30, 2013, B.J. Cassin, who has served as a director and Chair of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Cerus Corporation (the Company) since December 1992, informed the Company of his intention to retire from the Board in order to devote more time to other personal and professional commitments. Mr. Cassin's decision to retire was not the result of a disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. The effective date of Mr. Cassin's retirement will be December 31, 2013. In addition to his role as Chair of the Board, Mr. Cassin serves as a member of the Compensation Committee and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

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 undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: October 3, 2013

By: /s/ Kevin D. Green Kevin D. Green Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer