

CERUS CORP  
Form NT 10-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 12b-25**  
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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(Check one):  Form 10-K       Form 20-F       Form 11-K       Form 10-Q       Form N-SAR       Form N-CSR

For Period Ended:      December 31, 2004

- Transition Report on Form 10-K
  - Transition Report on Form 20-F
  - Transition Report on Form 11-K
  - Transition Report on Form 10-Q
  - Transition Report on Form N-SAR
- For the Transition Period Ended:

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

**PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

**Cerus Corporation**

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

**2411 Stanwell Drive**

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

**Concord, California 94520**

City, State and Zip Code

**PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following

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the prescribed due date; and

- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

### **PART III NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, has been unable to complete its review of management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. As a result, the Company is unable to file its Annual Report on Form 10-K/A within the prescribed time period without unreasonable effort or expense. The Company expects to file within the extension period.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

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