

CASSIN BJ
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CASSIN BJ

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3000 SAND HILL ROAD, BUILDING 3, SUITE 210

(Street)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CERUS CORP [CERS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2006 | | M | 14,700 A \$ 2.7211 | 14,700 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 85,000 | I | By Foundation <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 382,684 | I | By Trust <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 69,841 | I | By Partnership <u>(5)</u> |

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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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.7211 | 01/20/2006 | | M | 14,700 | <u>(1)</u> 05/18/2006 | Common Stock | 14,700 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CASSIN BJ 3000 SAND HILL ROAD BUILDING 3, SUITE 210 MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | X | | | |

Signatures

B. J. Cassin by Howard G. Ervin,
attorney-in-fact

02/02/2006

**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).
- (1) Immediate.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) These securities are beneficially owned directly by Cassin Educational Foundation. The Reporting Person is the Chairman/President of such entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
These securities are beneficially owned directly by Brendan Joseph Cassin and Isabel B. Cassin, Tr. UA 01/31/96, Cassin Family Trust.
- (4) The Reporting Person is a Trustee of such entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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- (5) These securities are beneficially owned directly by Cassin Family Partnership. The Reporting Person is a General Partner of such entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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