

CERUS CORP
Form 8-K
June 29, 2011

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): June 27, 2011

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-21937
(Commission
File No.)

68-0262011
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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2550 Stanwell Drive

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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Resignation of William R. Rohn

On June 27, 2011, William R. Rohn informed the Board of Directors (the Board) of Cerus Corporation (the Company) that he was resigning as a member of the Board and as a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the Governance Committee) of the Board, effective immediately. This decision was not the result of a disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Election of Daniel Swisher as a member of the Board

On June 27, 2011, the Governance Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the election of Daniel Swisher, as a member of the Board and as a member of the Audit Committee and Governance Committee, effective concurrently with Mr. Rohn's resignation, to serve until the 2012 annual meeting of the Company's stockholders. As a member of the Board, the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee, Mr. Swisher will receive the compensation for his services set forth in the Company's Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated June 29, 2011, entitled Cerus Corporation Announces Changes to Board of Directors

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.

Dated: June 29, 2011

CERUS CORPORATION

By: /S/ Kevin D. Green
Kevin D. Green
Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer