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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): October 30, 2003

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-21937 68-0262011 (State of jurisdiction) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2411 Stanwell Drive Concord, California 94520 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On October 30, 2003, Cerus Corporation (the "Company") announced its financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated October 30, 2003, entitled "Cerus Corporation Announces Third Quarter Results."

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 30, 2003, the Company announced its financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2003 and conducted a publicly-available conference call discussing those results. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

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Dated: October 30, 2003 By: /s/ Gregory W. Schafer

Gregory W. Schafer

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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