

CERUS CORP
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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): **December 30, 2005**

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of jurisdiction)

0-21937
(Commission File No.)

68-0262011
(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**

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 30, 2005, Cerus Corporation (the Company) announced that it has submitted a CE Mark application for approval to market its INTERCEPT Blood System for plasma in Europe. A copy of the Company's press release, entitled "Cerus Submits CE Mark Application for European Approval of the INTERCEPT Blood System for Plasma," is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

In addition, on December 30, 2005, the Company announced that it has submitted an investigational new drug application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to initiate a Phase 1 safety trial for CRS-100, a *Listeria*-based immunotherapeutic designed to treat patients with cancer that has metastasized to the liver. A copy of the Company's press release, entitled "Cerus Submits IND Application for CRS-100 to FDA," is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated December 30, 2005, entitled "Cerus Submits CE Mark Application for European Approval of the INTERCEPT Blood System for Plasma."

99.2 Press Release, dated December 30, 2005, entitled "Cerus Submits IND Application for CRS-100 to FDA."

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: January 3, 2006

By: /s/ Howard G. Ervin
Howard G. Ervin
Vice President, Legal Affairs

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated December 30, 2005, entitled Cerus Submits CE Mark Application for European Approval of the INTERCEPT Blood System for Plasma.
99.2	Press Release, dated December 30, 2005, entitled Cerus Submits IND Application for CRS-100 to FDA.