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January 29, 2004

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): January 29, 2004

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 January 29, 2004, Cerus Corporation (the "Company") announced its financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 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 January 29, 2004, entitled "Cerus Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-End Results."

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 29, 2004, the Company announced its financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: January 29, 2004

By: /s/ Gregory W. Schafer

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Gregory W. Schafer  
Vice President, Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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