CERUS CORP Form 8-K March 03, 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): March 3, 2011

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of jurisdiction)

0-21937 (Commission

68-0262011 (IRS Employer

File No.)

Identification No.)

2550 Stanwell Drive

Concord, California 94520

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On, March 3, 2011 Cerus Corporation (the Company) entered into an amendment (the Amendment) to that certain Loan and Security Agreement dated as of March 31, 2010 with Oxford Finance Corporation (Oxford) as lender (the Credit Agreement).

The Amendment extends the time period under which the Company can draw down an additional advance of up to \$5,000,000 from December 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011. In addition, the Amendment modifies the covenant regarding the Company s minimum revenues to provide revised projections.

The foregoing summary of the Amendment is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which will be filed as an exhibit to the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant The information in Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

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: March 3, 2011 By: /s/ Kevin D. Green Kevin D. Green

Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer