FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
ZERBE ROBERT L MD					1		<u> </u>	L	CLL ]					X Direc	tor		10% Ow	ner	
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERICEL CORPORATION					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2016								Office below	er (give title /)		Other (s below)	pecify	
64 SIDNEY STREET						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)  CAMBRIDGE MA 021		02139		_							Lin	Y Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution D			Code (Ins	on Disp				Benefi	es Form ally (D) of following (I) (II		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code V	Amo	ount	(A) or (D) Price		Transa (Instr. 3	tion(s)		[	Instr. 4)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	Date,	4. Transa Code (I 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	and 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		ies g Security	8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s Illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirati Date	ion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock option (right to buy)	\$2.76	05/04/2016			A		15,000		(1)	05/04/2	026	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,00	0	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests over a 1-year period, in equal monthly increments, contingent upon continued service to the Company.

/s/ Gerard Michel, attorney-in**fact** 

05/06/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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