FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Halpin Michael						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [VCEL]									eck all appli Directo	nship of Reporting applicable) Director Officer (give title		son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 64 SIDNEY STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2024										helow)	below) below) Chief Operating Officer			
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	ndividual or (e) X Form t Form t Persor	n						
(City) (State) (Zip)					Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.														
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	vative	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or	Ben	eficial	ly Owne	b			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						ar) E	xecution any	A. Deemed kecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year)				urities Acquired (A) or led Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte	es ially Following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A (E	A) or D)	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(IIISti. 4)
Common Stock 02/12/					2/2024	/2024					3,500)	A	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	4,4	149(2)	D D		
Common Stock 02/12/2					2/2024	/2024					1,782	(3)	D	\$47.4	2 2,667 ⁽²⁾			D	
		7	Table II -								osed of converti				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		n of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		•	Amou Secur Under Deriva	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares					
Restricted Stock Unit	(4)	02/12/2024			M		3,500		(1)		(5)	Comm		3,500	(6)	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The shares of common stock were acquired by the Reporting Person as a result of the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted to the Reporting Person on February 11, 2020.
- 2. These shares include shares acquired pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions that were exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).
- 3. These shares were withheld by the Issuer to satisfy the tax withholding requirements in connection with the vesting of RSUs.
- 4. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Vericel Corporation.
- 5. No expiration date for this type of award.
- 6. The Fair Market Value of the vested derivative securities is \$47.42 per share

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Michael Halpin

02/13/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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