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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Colangelo Dominick | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [VCEL] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| | | IIICK | | | | | 1 | - | | | | | | C Director | - | | 10% Ow | ner | |
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | ; | C Officer (below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify | |
| 64 SIDN | EV STREE | , T | . , | | | 02/22/2024 | | | | | | | | President and CEO | | | | | |
| 64 SIDNEY STREET | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | - 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (5 | State) | (Zip) | | R | Rule | 10b5- | 1(c) | Transa | ctic | on Ind | ication | | | | | | | |
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| Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursua the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instructional Conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). | | | | | | | | | a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy n 10. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date | | | | nsactio | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | and 5) Securities | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | | 7. Nature of ndirect | | | |
| (Month/E | | | h/Day/ | ar) 8) | | | | | | | Beneficia Owned Fo | | | | Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | (| | | | | (4) | | Reported Transaction(s) | | | | Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code \ | / | Amount | it (A) or Pr | | (Instr. 3 a | | | | | | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| | | | | (e.g., | puts | s, cal | ls, warr | ants | s, options | i, co | onverti | ble secu | urities) | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | ative Conversion Date Execution Date, T ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any C | | | ansaction Derivative ode (Instr. Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | cpiration ate | Title | Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$48.31 | 02/22/2024 | | | Α | | 182,500 | | (1) | 02 | 2/22/2034 | Common Stock | 182,500 | \$0 | 182,50 | 0 | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 02/22/2024 | | | Α | | 73,000 | | (3) | | (4) | Common Stock | 73,000 | \$0 | 73,000 |) | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These options shall begin vesting on February 22, 2024 and shall continue to vest and become exercisable in equal quarterly installments over the course of the following four (4) year period.

2. Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Vericel Corporation.

3. These RSUs vest in four annual installments with the initial vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on February 22, 2025. The remaining RSUs will vest in annual installments on February 22, 2026, February 22, 2027, and February 22, 2028, respectively.

4. No expiration date for this type of award.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Dominick C. Colangelo

** 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).

** 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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