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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SIMS NELSON M</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]							cable) or	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow	ner	
(Last) C/O VEF	`	rst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2015							Officer below)	(give title		Other (sp	pecify	
64 SIDNEY STREET					If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139			02139									X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
Date				ransaction e onth/Day/Y	Execution Date			Code (Instr.   5)			ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	es Form ally (D) of following (I) (II		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			misu. 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		3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code (Inst				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 derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.74	03/20/2015		A		19,000		(1)	03/20/2025	Common Stock	19,000	\$0.00	19,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These options vest as follows: (i) 4,000 vest in 12 equal monthly installments commencing on the date of grant and (ii) 15,000 vest in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on the date of grant.

/s/ Dominick C. Colangelo, attorney-in-fact

03/24/2015

\*\* 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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