Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					or	Section	on 30(h) (	of the	Investment	Cor	npany Act	of 1940							
Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Orlando Daniel					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner						
	`	First) (Middle)  ORPORATION  ET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2016									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Operating Officer				specify
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tak	ole I - Non	-Deriva	tive	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, I	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	nefic	ially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date			Code (li 8)		tr. 5)				Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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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, Tra	e, Transaction Code (Instr				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option	¢1.05	02/00/2016					90,000		(1)		2/00/2026	Common	90.0	000	\$0.00	90.00	0	D	

(1)

02/09/2026

## **Explanation of Responses:**

(right to

buy)

\$1.95

1. These options vest quarterly over four years commencing on the date of grant.

02/09/2016

/s/ Daniel R. Orlando

Stock

02/11/2016

80,000

D

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

80,000

\$0.00

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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