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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MCLAUGHLIN KEVIN F (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERICEL CORPORATION 64 SIDNEY STREET | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [VCEL] | | | | | ationship of Reporting < all applicable) Director | 10% Owner | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|------|---|--------|---|---|---|----------------------------|----------|
| | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2020 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | |
| | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Indi Line) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE | MA | 02139 | | | | | | X | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 1 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) |
| Common Stock 04/29 | | | 04/29/2 | 2020 | | м | | 1,750 | A | \$0 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,750 | D | |

1,750 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 5. Number of Derivative 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 1. Title of Derivative 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of Derivative 9. Number of 11. Nature 10. 2. Conversion Execution Date Transaction of Securities derivative Ownership of Indirect or Exercise Price of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 3) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Underlying Derivative Se Security (Instr. 5) Securities Beneficially Form: Direct (D) Securities Beneficial Acquired (A) Ownership ecurity or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4) Security Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Number Date Expiration Date of Shares (A) (D) Exercisable Title Code v Restricted (2) Common 04/29/2020 М 1,750 (3) (4) 1,750 \$14.56 0 D Stock Unit Stock Stock Option (5) \$14.56 04/29/2020 A 13,125 04/29/2030 13,125 \$<mark>0</mark> 13,125 D (right to buy) Stock Common Stock Restricted (2) 04/29/2020 A 1,750 (6) (4) 1,750 \$<mark>0</mark> 1,750 D Stock Unit

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares of common stock were acquired by the Reporting Person as a result of the vesting of Restricted Stock Units granted to the Reporting Person on May 1, 2019.

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

3. These RSUs vest 100% on the earlier of May 1, 2020 or the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders following May 1, 2019. The first Annual Meeting of Stockholders occurred on April 29, 2020. 4. No expiration date for this type of award.

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

6. These RSUs vest 100% on the earlier of April 29, 2021 or the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders following April 29, 2020.

Remarks:

| /s/ Dominick C. Colangelo, | |
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| Attorney-in-Fact for Kevin | 05/01/2020 |
| <u>McLaughlin</u> | |
| ** Signature of Penorting Person | Date |

Date

Signature of Reporting Person

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

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

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