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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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)    Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 64 SIDNEY STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/14/2024								Officer (give title below)  Other (specification below)  President and CEO				specify	
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139				_ 4. l	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(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.													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tr				2. Trans	2. Transaction		2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amo Securi Benefic Owned	unt of ies cially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	r Price	Transa	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				08/1	08/14/2024				М		17,500	) A	\$3.0	23	238,437(1)		D		
Common Stock				08/1	08/14/2024				S		17,500	) D <sup>(2</sup>	\$45.	17 220	),937(1)		D		
Common Stock 08/1				5/2024				M		17,500	) A	\$3.0	23	3,437(1)		D			
Common Stock 08/15/					5/2024	2024			S		17,500	) D(2	\$46.	4 220,937(1)			D		
		-	Γable II -								osed of, converti			y 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/Da	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Instr 8)		n of		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat		of Secur Underlyi Derivativ	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s illy g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.02	08/14/2024			M		17,500		(3)		(4)	Commor Stock	17,500	\$0	122,50	00	D		
Stock Option (Right to	\$3.02	08/15/2024			M		17,500		(3)		(4)	Commor Stock	17,500	\$0	105,00	00	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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(e).
- 2. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected by an automatic sale pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 1, 2023.
- 3. These options, representing the right to purchase 440,000 shares, became exercisable in equal quarterly installments, contingent upon continued service to the Company, with the first vesting date on April 5, 2015, which was one quarter after the date on which the option was granted.
- 4. These options, which were awarded on January 5, 2015, would otherwise expire and become forfeitable on January 5, 2025.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-

Fact for Dominick C. 08/16/2024

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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