FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [VCEL] | | | | | | | | | | elationship o ck all applic Directo | able) | Pers | 10% O | vner | | |
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| (Last) | • | irst) | (Middle) | | | Date (| | st Trans | unsaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | specify | | |
| 64 SIDNEY STREET | | | | | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | |
| (Street) | IDGE M | IA | 02139 | | | | | | | | | | Line) | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | itate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tal | ole I - Nor | ı-Deriv | vativ | re Se | curitie | es Ac | quir | red, I | Disp | osed o | f, or B | enef | icially | / Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran Date (Month | | | | | - 1 | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | [| 3. Transaction Code (Instr. r) 8) | | | | | A) or , 4 and | 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F | s Illy ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | c | Code | v | Amount | mount (A) or (D) | | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| Common Stock 04/28 | | | | 8/202 | 3/2021 | | | M | | 1,750 | 1,750 A | | (1) | 9,3 | 9,394 | | D | | | | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertib | | | | Owned | | | | | | |
| 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 | ate, | 4. Transa Code (1 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | te Amour ear) Securi Under Deriva | | . Title and imount of securities Inderlying serivative Secu nstr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transaction | e S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | | | | Date Exercisable | | Expiration Date | or Nu of | | ımber | | (Instr. 4) | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 04/28/2021 | | | M | | | 1,750 | | (3) | | (4) Common Stock 1 | | ,750 | \$0 | 0 | | D | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$63.22 | 04/28/2021 | | | A | | 6,500 | | (5) | | (5) | | | Common Stock 6,5 | | \$0 | 6,500 | | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (2) | 04/28/2021 | | | A | | 2,600 | | | (6) | | (4) | Commo | n 2 | ,600 | \$ 0 | 2,600 | | D | | | |

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 April 29, 2020.
- 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 April 29, 2021 or the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders following April 29, 2020. The first Annual Meeting of Stockholders occurred on April 28, 2021.
- 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 28, 2022 or the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders following April 28, 2021.

Remarks:

/s/ Dominick C. Colangelo, as 04/30/2021 Attorney-in-Fact for Alan

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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.

- * 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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