FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MICHEL GERARD J						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 Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERICEL CORPORATION 64 SIDNEY STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2018								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO and VP, Corp. Development				
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139				_ 4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 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																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				action 2 E Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		d (A) or	5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F	nt of es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)		[(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 10/15/2					5/2018	2018		М		15,000) A	\$1.9	165,960			D		
Common Stock 10/15/2					5/2018	2018			S		15,000	D ⁽¹⁾	\$12.6	5 150),960		D	
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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		nsaction de (Instr.		of		xercis on Dat Day/Ye			ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option	\$1.95	10/15/2018			M			15,000	(2)		02/09/2026	Common	15,000	\$0	50,00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 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 June 13, 2018.
- 2. These options, representing the right to purchase a total of 80,000 shares, became exercisable in equal quarterly installments, contingent upon continued service to the Company, with the first vesting date on May 9, 2016, which was one quarter after the date on which the option was granted.

Remarks:

/s/ Gerard Michel

10/17/2018

** 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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