FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Orlando Daniel | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [VCEL] | | | | | | | f Reporting able) r (give title | 10% Owne | | ner |
|--|---|--|---|---------------|---|--|-----|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|----------|--|--|
| (Last) (Madic) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2015 | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Officer (specific below) below) Chief Operating Officer | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Lir | e) $egin{array}{ccc} X & 	ext{Form fi} \end{array}$ | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | nth/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea | | e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. | | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar | | Beneficia Owned F | es Formally (D) (Following (I) (I | | Direct Ir Indirect B tr. 4) C | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) o | Price | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | nstr. 4) |
| | 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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) |) ii(s) | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.02 | 01/05/2015 | | A | | 192,000 | | (1) | 01/05/2025 | Common Stock | 192,00 | \$3.02 | 192,000 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/ Dominick C. Colangelo, attorney-in-fact 01/07/2015

** 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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