UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION November 14, 2016

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Cerus Corp.

File No. 333-11341 - CF#34284

Cerus Corp. submitted an application under Rule 406 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form S-1 registration statement filed on September 4, 1996, as amended.

Based on representations by Cerus Corp. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.19 through October 5, 2021 Exhibit 10.20 through October 5, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Brent J. Fields Secretary