

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

August 21, 2012

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Cerus Corporation

File No. 000-21937 - CF# 28734

Cerus Corporation submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on August 8, 2012.

Based on representations by Cerus Corporation 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 10.3 through September 30, 2015

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

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