

CERUS CORP
Form 8-K
February 24, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2006

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of jurisdiction)

0-21937
(Commission File No.)
2411 Stanwell Drive

68-0262011
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Concord, California 94520

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2006, Cerus Corporation (the Company) announced its financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the Company s press release, entitled Cerus Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-End Financial Results, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2006, entitled Cerus Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-End Financial Results.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CERUS CORPORATION

Dated: February 24, 2006

By: /s/ William J. Dawson
William J. Dawson
Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number	Description
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