

CERUS CORP
Form 8-K
September 04, 2003

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): **September 4, 2003**

CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of jurisdiction)

0-21937
(Commission File No.)

68-0262011
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

2411 Stanwell Drive
Concord, California 94520
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On September 4, 2003, Cerus Corporation (the Company) and subsidiaries of Baxter International Inc. announced they are voluntarily halting Phase III trials for their pathogen-inactivated red blood cell program. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated September 4, 2003, entitled Baxter and Cerus halt red blood cell clinical trials for investigational pathogen inactivation system. |

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: September 4, 2003

By: /s/ Gregory W. Schafer
Gregory W. Schafer
Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

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