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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hopper Jonathan Mark</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>64 SIDNEY STREET</u>  (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02139</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <span style="float:right">10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">Other (specify below)</span> <p style="text-align:center"><b>Chief Medical Officer</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/20/2023</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/20/2023		M		5,000	A	\$10.95	58,007 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2023		S		5,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$36.4	53,007 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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) (Instr. 4)	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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.95	11/20/2023		M		5,000		(3)	08/20/2028	Common Stock	5,000	\$0	32,604	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares include shares acquired pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions that were exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).
- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected by an automatic sale pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 17, 2023.
- These options, representing the right to purchase 135,000 shares, became exercisable on August 20, 2019, the first anniversary of the date of grant, with 25% vesting and the remaining 75% vesting in equal quarterly installments over three years thereafter, contingent upon continued service to the Company.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jonathan Hopper 11/22/2023

\*\* 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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