**Vericel Set to Join S&P SmallCap 600**

**NEW YORK, March 17, 2021:** Vericel Corp. (NASD:VCEL) will replace QEP Resources Inc. (NYSE:QEP) in the S&P SmallCap 600 effective prior to the opening of trading on Monday, March 22. S&P 500 constituent Diamondback Energy Inc. (NASD:FANG) has acquired QEP Resources in a transaction that closed today.

Following is a summary of the changes that will take place prior to the open of trading on the effective date:

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