

SPLINTER MICHAEL R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SPLINTER MICHAEL R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2012

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Disposed of (A) or (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)
Common Stock	12/14/2012		G	V 1,100 D \$ 0	2,342,271 ⁽¹⁾ D		
Common Stock	12/19/2012		F	90,794 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 11.34	2,251,477 ⁽³⁾ D		
Common Stock					282,145 ⁽⁴⁾ I	I	By The 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					300,000 I	I	Revocable Trust

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performance goals are achieved, 233,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of shares is the target award level, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount depending on achievement of specified performance goals; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 109,000 performance units will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of units is the target award level, and the actual number of units that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount depending on achievement of specified performance goals (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each vest date).

- (2) Represents shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares and vesting of shares of restricted stock to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

Number of shares includes: (a) 1,117,750 performance shares previously reported that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (i) 246,750 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 63,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 808,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2016, which number of shares is the target amount, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals; (b) 302,250 shares of restricted stock that are scheduled to vest as follows: (i) 60,250 shares are scheduled to vest in installments

- (3) during each December of 2013 and 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 9,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 233,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2015, which number of shares is the target amount, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 109,000 performance units will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2015, which number of units is the target amount, and the actual number of units that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

- (4) Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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