

Thakur Randhir
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FORM 4

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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 *
Thakur Randhir

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & GM, Silicon Systems

C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 03/14/2013 | | M | | 200,000 | A | \$ 8.58 |
| | | | | | | | 1,357,460 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2013 | | S | | 200,000 | D | \$ 13.67 |
| | | | | | | | 1,157,460 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | | | | | | ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/14/2013 | | S | | 50,000 | D | \$ 13.67 |
| | | | | | | | 1,107,460 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | | | | | | ⁽³⁾ |
| Common | | | | | | | 3,912.716 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | | | | | | I | By 401(k) |

Stock

Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.58 | 03/14/2013 | | M | 200,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ 03/09/2014 | Common Stock 200,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Thakur Randhir C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | EVP & GM, Silicon Systems | |

Signatures

/s/ Charmaine Mesina,
Attorney-in-Fact
03/18/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Increased number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions under Employees' Stock Purchase Plan that are exempt under Rule 16a-10 and Rule 16b-3. Number of shares includes: (a) 985,000 performance shares previously reported that in the future will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting will be scheduled to occur as follows: (i) 166,000 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 36,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; (iii) provided specified performance goals are

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achieved, 483,000 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 the achievement of specified performance goals; and (iv) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 300,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each July 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 the achievement of specified performance goals; and (b) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 17,000 shares of restricted stock 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 the achievement of specified performance goals (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.65 to \$13.70, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Applied Materials, Inc., any security holder of Applied Materials, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 2 to this Form 4.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.66 to \$13.70, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Applied Materials, Inc., any security holder of Applied Materials, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 3 to this Form 4.

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

(5) Shares became exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2010.

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