

Kerschbaum Manfred
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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 *
 Kerschbaum Manfred

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)
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 2023
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2008 | | F | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price 35,743 \$ (1) 10.13 | 310,370 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,730.532 (3) | I | By the 401(k) 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kerschbaum Manfred
C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 2023
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Charmaine Mesina,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/23/2008

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

Number of shares includes 225,625 performance shares (restricted stock units) 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 is scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 10,000 performance shares are scheduled to vest on 8/31/09; (b) 112,500 performance shares are scheduled to vest in two equal annual installments beginning 12/19/09; (c) 65,625 performance shares are scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments beginning 12/19/09; and (d) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 37,500 performance shares are scheduled to vest (i) as to 18,750 shares no earlier than on 12/19/09 and (ii) as to 18,750 shares no earlier than in two equal annual installments beginning 12/19/10 (all vesting is subject to continued employment).
- (3) Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment and periodic allocation of accrued interest (which interest was automatically converted into shares) to all participants under 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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