

APPLERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 09, 2007

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**August 8, 2007**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-04389**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**06-1534213**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**301 Merritt 7**

**Norwalk, Connecticut**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(203) 840-2000**

**06851**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On August 8, 2007, the Board of Directors of Applera Corporation ( Applera ) announced two initiatives. The Board said it has retained Morgan Stanley to explore alternatives to Applera s current tracking stock structure, including the possibility of creating two independent publicly traded companies in place of the two tracking stocks. Also, the Board said it has increased to \$1.2 billion the current authorization to repurchase shares of Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Applera s press release issued August 8, 2007, announcing these two initiatives.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

| <i>Exhibit No.</i> | <i>Description</i>                   |
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| 99.1               | Press Release issued August 8, 2007. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Dennis L. Winger  
Dennis L. Winger  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 9, 2007

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