

APPLERA CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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