

AYERS RICHARD H
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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 *
AYERS RICHARD H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

APPLERA CORPORATION, 301 MERRITT 7

(Street)

NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/21/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units | | | | | 14,032.62 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Celera Genomics Group Common Stock Units | | | | | 3,386.2 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems | 10/21/2004 | | A | 1,300 A \$ 0 | 20,764 | D | |

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Group
Common
Stock

Celera
Genomics

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|------|-------|---|
| Group Common Stock | 10/21/2004 | A | 500 | A | \$ 0 | 5,871 | D |
|--------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|------|-------|---|

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 or Number of Shares |
| Applied Biosystems Group Director Stock Option-Right to Buy | \$ 18.905 | 10/21/2004 | | A | 9,200 | <u>(2)</u> 10/21/2014 | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock 9,200 |
| Celera Genomics Group Director Stock Option-Right to Buy | \$ 12.005 | 10/21/2004 | | A | 3,400 | <u>(2)</u> 10/21/2014 | Celera Genomics Group Common Stock 3,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AYERS RICHARD H APPLERA CORPORATION 301 MERRITT 7 NORWALK, CT 06851-1070 | | X | | |

Signatures

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|--|---------------------|
| Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard H. Ayers | 10/25/2004 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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) Includes 30.92 Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units acquired in October 2004 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's director stock purchase plan.
- (2) The options become exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing October 21, 2005.

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