

Gilbert Dennis A  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gilbert Dennis A</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>APPLERA CORP - APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS GROUP,Â 850 LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>FOSTER CITY,Â CAÂ 94404</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/18/2004</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)<br/>                 Vice President</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)    | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 128.2493   | D   | Â  |
| Celera Genomics Group Common Stock    | 479.6396   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title                   | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | Â <u>(1)</u>     | 03/26/2011      | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 600                        | \$ 25.575                    | D  | Â          |
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | Â <u>(2)</u>     | 04/08/2012      | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 20,000                     | \$ 20.85                     | D  | Â          |
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 03/24/2013      | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 20,000                     | \$ 15.54                     | D  | Â          |
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 06/17/2014      | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 25,000                     | \$ 20.185                    | D  | Â          |
| Celera Genomics Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy    | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 05/13/2009      | Celera Genomics Group Common Stock    | 13,000                     | \$ 10.5312                   | D  | Â          |
| Celera Genomics Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy    | Â <u>(6)</u>     | 10/21/2009      | Celera Genomics Group Common Stock    | 20,100                     | \$ 20.6875                   | D  | Â          |
| Celera Genomics Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy    | Â <u>(1)</u>     | 03/26/2011      | Celera Genomics Group Common Stock    | 7,200                      | \$ 31.5                      | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

Gilbert Dennis A  
APPLERA CORP - APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS GROUP     ^     ^     ^ Vice President     ^  
850 LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE  
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Dennis A.     11/23/2004  
Gilbert

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person     Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing March 26, 2002.
- (2) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing April 8, 2003.
- (3) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing March 24, 2004.
- (4) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing June 17, 2005.
- (5) The options are fully vested and became exercisable in two equal annual installments commencing May 13, 2002.
- (6) The options are fully vested and became exercisable in three equal annual installments commencing October 21, 2001.

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