

Gilbert Dennis A
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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)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (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) 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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