

SAWCH WILLIAM B  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
SAWCH WILLIAM B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.  
[ABI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC., 301 MERRITT 7

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/19/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

(Street)  
NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008		M		100,000 A \$ 27.1875	199,015.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008		M		90,000 A \$ 25.575	289,015.5636	D
	11/19/2008		M		20,000 A \$ 25	309,015.5636	D

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Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	20,000	A	\$ 25	329,015.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	84,880	A	\$ 20.85	413,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	20,000	A	\$ 15.54	433,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	20,000	A	\$ 15.54	453,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	85,000	A	\$ 15.54	538,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	68,000	A	\$ 20.185	606,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	M	90,000	A	\$ 21.475	696,895.5636	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/19/2008	S	499,904	D	\$ <u>28.6226</u> (1)	196,991.5636	D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 27.1875	11/19/2008		M	100,000	05/13/2003 05/13/2009	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 25.575	11/19/2008		M	90,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 03/26/2011	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 25	11/19/2008		M	20,000	08/16/2004 08/16/2011	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 25	11/19/2008		M	20,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/16/2011	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	
Applied Biosystems	\$ 20.85	11/19/2008		M	84,880	<sup>(4)</sup> 04/08/2012	Applied Biosystems	

Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy								Group Common Stock
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 15.54	11/19/2008	M	20,000	<u>(5)</u>	03/24/2013		Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 15.54	11/19/2008	M	20,000	<u>(6)</u>	03/24/2013		Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 15.54	11/19/2008	M	85,000	<u>(7)</u>	03/24/2013		Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 20.185	11/19/2008	M	68,000	<u>(8)</u>	06/17/2014		Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 21.475	11/19/2008	M	90,000	<u>(9)</u>	06/02/2015		Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Sr. V.P. and General Counsel	

SAWCH WILLIAM B  
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.  
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NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for William B.  
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11/21/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) The price reported is the weighted average sale price in open market transactions at prices ranging from \$29.30 to \$28.42. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing March 26, 2002. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares until March 26, 2005.

(3) These options originally became exercisable on or after the earlier of (a) August 16, 2006 or (b) two years after certain stock price targets were attained. The vesting of these options was accelerated effective June 2, 2005. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that was to remain in effect until the earlier of the original vesting date of those options or termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.

(4) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing April 8, 2003. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares until April 8, 2006.

(5) As originally granted, these options would have become exercisable on March 24, 2006. Effective June 2, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect until March 24, 2006.

(6) These options originally became exercisable on or after the earlier of (a) March 24, 2008 or (b) two years after certain stock price targets were attained. The vesting of these options was accelerated effective June 2, 2005. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that was to remain in effect until the earlier of the original vesting date of those options or termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.

(7) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing March 24, 2004. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares until March 24, 2007.

(8) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing June 17, 2005. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares until June 17, 2008.

(9) These options were fully vested and exercisable as of June 2, 2005, the grant date. However, shares acquired upon the exercise of these options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition). The transfer restriction was scheduled to lapse on 25% of the shares covered by the grant on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date. Also, the transfer restriction would have lapsed in full upon termination of employment for any reason. However, all remaining restrictions were terminated on November 12, 2008.

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