#### SPLINTER MICHAEL R

Form 4

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SPLINTER MICHAEL R Issuer Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE (Check all applicable) [AMAT] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS. 12/19/2011 Chairman, President and CEO INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Sec	Title of curity str. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 a (Instr. 8)		d of (Ľ	(A) or	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)
	ommon ock	12/19/2011		F	177,095 (1)	D	\$ 10.13	1,779,296 (2)	D	
	ommon ock							273.742 (3)	I	By The 401(k) Plan
	ommon ock							300,000	I	Revocable Trust

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
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				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	4, and 5)		•	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SPLINTER MICHAEL R C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 SANTA CLARA CA 95054	X		Chairman, President and CEO			

### **Signatures**

/s/ Charmaine Mesina, Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2011

\*\*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) Represents shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares (restricted stock units) and upon vesting of shares of restricted stock to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Number of shares includes: (a) 702,000 performance shares (restricted stock units) that in the future will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (i) 406,000 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 63,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 233,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of shares is the target award level, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount depending on achievement of specified performance goals; (b) 337,500 shares of restricted stock that are scheduled to vest as follows: (i) 95,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 9,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 233,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of

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2012 through 2015, which number of shares is the target award level, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount depending on achievement of specified performance goals; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 109,000 performance units will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of units is the target award level, and the actual number of units that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount depending on achievement of specified performance goals (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each vest date).

(3) Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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