

Sweeney Joseph J
Form 4
August 20, 2012

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sweeney Joseph J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE
[AMAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/17/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, GC & Corp. Secretary

C/O APPLIED MATERIALS,
INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050
BOWERS AV, M/S 1268

(Street)

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

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

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(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) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Common Stock | 08/17/2012 | | M | 100,000 | A \$ 8.58 603,344 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2012 | | S | 100,000 | D \$ 11.89 503,344 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,332.133 ⁽²⁾ | I | By the 401(k) Plan |

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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.58 | 08/17/2012 | | M | 100,000 | (3) 03/09/2014 | Common Stock 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

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Signatures

/s/ Joseph J.
Sweeney 08/20/2012

**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).

- Increased in number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions under Employees' Stock Purchase Plan that are exempt under Rule 16a-10 and Rule 16b-3. Number of shares includes 336,250 performance shares 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: (a) 163,750 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (b) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 22,500 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 150,000 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 (all vesting will be subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

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- (2) Increased number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions and dividend reinvestment under 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) 200,000 shares became exercisable on 4/1/2012.

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