



Applied Materials Announces Results of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

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SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 2, 1999--Applied Materials, Inc., the world's largest supplier of wafer fabrication systems and services to the global semiconductor industry, announced today the results of the voting at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders held March 31.

Stockholders elected the directors proposed by the Company - James C. Morgan, Dan Maydan, Michael H. Armacost, Deborah A. Coleman, Herbert M. Dwight, Jr., Philip V. Gerdine, Tsuyoshi Kawanishi, Paul R. Low and Alfred J. Stein.

Stockholders also approved an amendment of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares issuable pursuant to this plan by 8,000,000 shares.

In addition, stockholders defeated a proposal made by State of Wisconsin Investment Board, a stockholder, to amend the bylaws of the Company so as to require stockholder approval to adopt a new stockholder rights plan or to renew its existing rights plan.

Applied Materials, Inc. is a Fortune 500 global growth company and the world's largest supplier of wafer fabrication systems and services to the global semiconductor industry. Applied Materials is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol, "AMAT." Applied Materials' website is <http://www.appliedmaterials.com>.

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