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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Kerschbaum Manfred (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 2023 (Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95054 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2005 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | (Che | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer heck all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
|--|---|--|-------------|-------|---|---|--------------|--------------|------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|-----------|--|
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | (A) or 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficia Owned Fo | lly | Form: | Direct I Indirect I str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 a | | | | Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,500 | | | D | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6,310.822 | | | I | By the 401(k) Plan | | | |
| Performance Shares (or Restricted Stock Units) 12/13 | | | | /2005 | | | | A | | 28,000 | 00 ⁽²⁾ A | | \$0 | 40,000 | | | D | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution D | | insaction de (Instr. | | Derivative E | | | Date Exer piration D ponth/Day/ | ate | of Securities | | ecurity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | e s ully g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Cod | de V | , | (A) | (D) | Dat Exe | te ercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | 0 | mount r lumber of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$19.2 | 12/13/2005 | | A | | | 145,000 | | 08/3 | 31/2006 ⁽³ | 3) 1 | 2/13/2012 | Comi | | 45,000 | \$0 | 145,00 | 00 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The performance shares will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock immediately upon vesting.
- 2. The performance shares are scheduled to vest in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/06 (assuming continued employment).
- 3. Shares become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/06 (assuming continued employment).

/s/ Mary Zeigler, Attorney-in-Fact 12/15/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Dat

 $Reminder: \ Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

- * 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Charmaine Mesina and Mary Zeigler, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer of Applied Materials, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment(s) thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 24th day of March, 2005.

/s/ Manfred Kerschbaum
-----Manfred Kerschbaum