UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 12, 2015

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-06920

(Commission File Number)

94-1655526 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3050 Bowers Avenue P.O. Box 58039 Santa Clara, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

95052-8039 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 727-5555

N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 12, 2015, Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied Materials") announced its financial results for its fourth quarter ended October 25, 2015. A copy of Applied Materials' press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of Applied Materials, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing. The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by Applied Materials, Inc. dated November 12, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Materials, Inc. (Registrant)

Date: November 12, 2015

By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins

Thomas F. Larkins Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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NEWS RELEASE

APPLIED MATERIALS ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR 2015 RESULTS

- Company delivered year-over-year growth in orders, net sales and earnings per share
- FY2015 cash returns to shareholders increased by \$1.33 billion year over year to \$1.81 billion

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 12, 2015 - Applied Materials, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMAT), the global leader in materials engineering solutions for the semiconductor, display and solar industries, today reported results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended October 25, 2015.

Fourth quarter orders were \$2.42 billion, down 16 percent sequentially and up 7 percent year over year. Net sales were \$2.37 billion, down 5 percent sequentially and up 5 percent year over year.

On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, the company reported fourth-quarter gross margin of 42.2 percent, operating margin of 19.3 percent, and net income of \$347 million or \$0.29 per diluted share. The company recorded GAAP gross margin of 40.5 percent, operating margin of 17.9 percent, and net income of \$336 million or \$0.28 per diluted share.

The company generated \$471 million in cash from operations during the fourth quarter, paid dividends of \$119 million and used \$700 million to repurchase 44 million shares of common stock at an average price of \$15.78.

Full Year Results

In fiscal 2015, orders grew 5 percent to \$10.10 billion, net sales increased 6 percent to \$9.66 billion, non-GAAP adjusted gross margin declined 1.2 percentage points to 42.9 percent, non-GAAP adjusted operating margin remained at 19.6 percent, and non-GAAP adjusted net income increased by 10.9 percent to \$1.46 billion or \$1.19 per diluted share. The company recorded GAAP gross margin of 40.9 percent, operating income of \$1.69 billion or 17.5 percent of net sales, and net income of \$1.38 billion or \$1.12 per diluted share.

The company generated \$1.16 billion in cash from operations in fiscal 2015, paid dividends of \$487 million and used \$1.33 billion to repurchase 76 million shares of common stock.

"In fiscal 2015, Applied Materials delivered year-over-year growth across our semiconductor, display and service businesses resulting in our highest earnings in four years," said Gary Dickerson, president and CEO. "We have positioned the company for sustainable profitable growth and we are winning share, growing our service business and expanding our available market."

Quarterly Results Summary

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	Q4 FY2015	O3 FY2015	O4 FY2014	Q4 FY2015 vs. Q3 FY2015	Q4 FY2015 vs. Q4 FY2014
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New orders	\$2,424	\$2,892	\$2,255	(16)%	7%
Net sales	\$2,368	\$2,490	\$2,264	(5)%	5%
Gross margin	40.5%	40.9%	42.4%	(0.4) points	(1.9) points
Operating margin	17.9%	15.9%	18.2%	2.0 points	(0.3) points
Net income	\$336	\$329	\$256	2%	31%
Diluted earnings per share (EPS)	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$0.21	4%	33%

Non-GAAP Adjusted Results	Q4 FY2015	Q3 FY2015	Q4 FY2014	Q4 FY2015 vs. Q3 FY2015	Q4 FY2015 vs. Q4 FY2014			
		(In millions, exc	ept per share amounts	and percentages)				
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin	42.2%	43.9%	44.2%	(1.7) points	(2.0) points			
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	19.3%	20.8%	19.5%	(1.5) points	(0.2) points			
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$347	\$410	\$338	(15)%	3%			
Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS	\$0.29	\$0.33	\$0.27	(12)%	7%			

Applied's non-GAAP adjusted results exclude the impact of the following, where applicable: certain items related to mergers and acquisitions; restructuring charges and any associated adjustments; impairments of assets, or investments; gain or loss on sale of strategic investments; and certain discrete adjustments and tax items. A reconciliation of the GAAP and non-GAAP adjusted results is provided in the financial tables included in this release. See also "Use of Non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures" section.

Business Outlook

For the first quarter of fiscal 2016, Applied expects net sales to be down 2 percent to 9 percent sequentially. Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$0.23 to \$0.27.

This outlook excludes known charges related to completed acquisitions of \$0.04 per share and does not exclude other non-GAAP adjustments that may arise subsequent to this release.

Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Reportable Segment Information

Silicon Systems	Q4 FY2015		Q3 FY2015		Q4 FY2014			FY2015		FY2014
				(In mi	llions,	except perce	entage	es)		
New orders	\$	1,444	\$	2,007	\$	1,334	\$	6,581	\$	6,132
Foundry		35%		32%		50%		34%		52%
DRAM		21%		18%		20%		25%		14%
Flash		31%		39%		12%		28%		21%
Logic and other		13%		11%		18%		13%		13%
Net sales		1,494		1,635		1,434		6,135		5,978
Operating income		318		411		305		1,410		1,391
Operating margin		21.3%		25.1%		21.3%		23.0%		23.3%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results										
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	365	\$	455	\$	352	\$	1,588	\$	1,565
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		24.4%		27.8%		24.5%		25.9%		26.2%

Applied Global Services

	Q4	4 FY2015	Q	Q3 FY2015 Q4		4 FY2014		FY2015	 FY2014
			es)						
New orders	\$	761	\$	561	\$	747	\$	2,653	\$ 2,433
Net sales		637		665		592		2,531	2,200
Operating income		171		170		146		664	573
Operating margin		26.8%		25.6%		24.7%		26.2%	26.0%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results									
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	170	\$	173	\$	146	\$	667	\$ 576
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		26.7%		26.0%		24.7%		26.4%	26.2%

<u>Display</u>	Q4 FY2015		Q3 FY2015		Q4 FY2014]	FY2015	I	FY2014
New orders	\$	195	\$	295	\$	130	\$	717	\$	845
Net sales		191		151		190		780		615
Operating income		19		25		52		156		129
Operating margin		9.9%		16.6%		27.4%		20.0%		21.0%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results										
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	19	\$	26	\$	52	\$	158	\$	131
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		9.9%		17.2%		27.4%		20.3%		21.3%

Energy and Environmental Solutions	Q4	Q4 FY2015		Q3 FY2015		Q4 FY2014		FY2015	I	FY2014
		(In millions, except percentages)								
New orders	\$	24	\$	29	\$	44	\$	153	\$	238
Net sales		46		39		48		213		279
Operating income (loss)		—		(52)		(3)		(61)		15
Operating margin		—%		(133.3)%		(6.3)%		(28.6)%		5.4%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results										
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income (loss)	\$	(1)	\$	(2)	\$	(1)	\$	(10)	\$	21
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		(2.2)%		(5.1)%		(2.1)%		(4.7)%		7.5%

Backlog Information

Applied's backlog remained essentially flat at \$3.14 billion and included negative adjustments of \$13 million. Backlog composition by reportable segment was as follows:

Silicon Systems	55%
Applied Global Services	26%
Display	16%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	3%

Use of Non-GAAP Adjusted Financial Measures

Management uses non-GAAP adjusted results to evaluate the company's operating and financial performance in light of business objectives and for planning purposes. These measures are not in accordance with GAAP and may differ from non-GAAP methods of accounting and reporting used by other companies. Applied believes these measures enhance investors' ability to review the company's business from the same perspective as the company's management and facilitate comparisons of this period's results with prior periods. The presentation of this additional information should not be considered a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Webcast Information

Applied Materials will discuss these results during an earnings call that begins at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time today. A live webcast will be available at <u>www.appliedmaterials.com</u>. A replay will be available on the website beginning at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time today.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including those regarding anticipated growth and trends in our businesses and markets, industry outlooks, technology transitions, our financial performance and market share positions, our business outlook for the first quarter of fiscal 2016, and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements and their underlying assumptions are subject to risks and uncertainties and are not guarantees of future performance. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements include, without limitation: the level of demand for our products; global economic and industry conditions; consumer demand for electronic products; the demand for semiconductors; customers' technology and capacity requirements; the introduction of new and innovative technologies, and the timing of technology transitions; our ability to develop, deliver and support new products and technologies; the concentrated nature of our customer base; our ability to expand our current markets, increase market share and develop new markets; market acceptance of existing and newly developed products; our ability to obtain and protect intellectual property rights in key technologies; our ability to achieve the objectives of operational and strategic initiatives, align our resources and cost structure with business conditions, and attract, motivate and retain key employees; the variability of operating expenses and results among products and segments, and our ability to accurately forecast future results, market conditions, customer requirements and business needs; and other risks and uncertainties described in our SEC filings, including our most recent Forms 10-Q and 8-K. All forward-looking statements are based on management's current estimates, projections and assumptions, and we assume no obligation to update them.

About Applied Materials

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the global leader in materials engineering solutions for the semiconductor, flat panel display and solar photovoltaic industries. Our technologies help make innovations like smartphones, flat screen TVs and solar panels more affordable and accessible to consumers and businesses around the world. Learn more at <u>www.appliedmaterials.com</u>.

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APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

			Twelve Mo	Twelve Months Ended					
(In millions, except per share amounts)	0	ctober 25, 2015	July 26, 2015	0	ctober 26, 2014		October 25, 2015		October 26, 2014
Net sales	\$	2,368	\$ 2,490	\$	2,264	\$	9,659	\$	9,072
Cost of products sold		1,409	1,472		1,305		5,707		5,229
Gross profit		959	 1,018		959		3,952		3,843
Operating expenses:									
Research, development and engineering		363	372		360		1,451		1,428
Marketing and selling		96	112		99		428		423
General and administrative		77	135		127		469		502
Loss (gain) on derivatives associated with terminated business combination		_	3		(39)		(89)		(30)
Total operating expenses		536	 622		547		2,259		2,323
Income from operations		423	396		412		1,693		1,520
Interest expense		32	24		23		103		95
Interest income and other income, net		6	3		9		8		23
Income before income taxes		397	 375		398		1,598		1,448
Provision for income taxes		61	46		142		221		376
Net income	\$	336	\$ 329	\$	256	\$	1,377	\$	1,072
Earnings per share:									
Basic	\$	0.28	\$ 0.27	\$	0.21	\$	1.13	\$	0.88
Diluted	\$	0.28	\$ 0.27	\$	0.21	\$	1.12	\$	0.87
Weighted average number of shares:									
Basic		1,182	1,221		1,220		1,214		1,215
Diluted		1,190	1,231		1,236		1,226		1,231

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions)	C	October 25, 2015	July 26, 2015	October 26, 2014
ASSETS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,797	\$ 2,574	\$ 3,002
Short-term investments		168	169	160
Accounts receivable, net		1,739	1,991	1,670
Inventories		1,833	1,739	1,567
Other current assets		724	570	568
Total current assets		9,261	7,043	6,967
Long-term investments		946	958	935
Property, plant and equipment, net		892	882	861
Goodwill		3,302	3,304	3,304
Purchased technology and other intangible assets, net		762	811	951
Deferred income taxes and other assets		145	155	156
Total assets	\$	15,308	\$ 13,153	\$ 13,174
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term debt	\$	1,200	\$ 400	\$
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,833	1,762	1,883
Customer deposits and deferred revenue		765	858	940
Total current liabilities		3,798	3,020	2,823
Long-term debt		3,342	1,547	1,947
Other liabilities		555	609	536
Total liabilities		7,695	 5,176	 5,306
Total stockholders' equity		7,613	 7,977	 7,868
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	15,308	\$ 13,153	\$ 13,174

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

			Thre	Twelve Months Ended						
(In millions)	Oc	October 25, 2015 July 26, 2015 October 26, 2014					October 25, 2015		00	tober 26, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:						-				-
Net income	\$	336	\$	329	\$	256	\$	1,377	\$	1,072
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:										
Depreciation and amortization		96		93		94		371		375
Share-based compensation		46		46		45		187		177
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation		(2)		(3)		(4)		(56)		(30)
Deferred income taxes		(159)		18		15		(134)		58
Other		(11)		43		(14)		53		13
Net change in operating assets and liabilities		165		(192)		15		(635)		135
Cash provided by operating activities		471		334		407		1,163		1,800
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Capital expenditures		(53)		(49)		(63)		(215)		(241)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(2)		(2)		(12)		(4)		(12)
Proceeds from sale of facility				_		25		_		25
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments		200		583		176		1,100		878
Purchases of investments		(202)		(616)		(179)		(1,162)		(811)
Cash used in investing activities		(57)		(84)		(53)		(281)		(161)
Cash flows from financing activities:										
Debt borrowings, net of issuance costs		2,581		_		_		2,581		
Proceeds from common stock issuances and others, net		45		1		40		88		107
Common stock repurchases		(700)		(625)		_		(1,325)		—
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation		2		3		4		56		30
Payments of dividends to stockholders		(119)		(123)		(122)		(487)		(485)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		1,809		(744)		(78)		913		(348)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents				1		_				_
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,223		(493)		276		1,795		1,291
Cash and cash equivalents — beginning of period		2,574		3,067		2,726		3,002		1,711
Cash and cash equivalents — end of period	\$	4,797	\$	2,574	\$	3,002	\$	4,797	\$	3,002
Supplemental cash flow information:										
Cash payments for income taxes	\$	149	\$	51	\$	87	\$	407	\$	195
Cash refunds from income taxes	\$	2	\$	5	\$	78	\$	12	\$	111
Cash payments for interest	\$	7	\$	39	\$	7	\$	92	\$	92

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APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Corporate Unallocated Expenses

(In millions)	Q4 F	Y2015	Q3	FY2015	Q4 F	Y2014	FY 2015	F	Y 2014
Share-based compensation	\$	46	\$	46	\$	45	\$ 187	\$	177
Certain items associated with terminated business combination		_		1		23	50		73
Loss (gain) on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		3		(39)	(89)		(30)
Other unallocated expenses		39		108		59	328		368
Total corporate	\$	85	\$	158	\$	88	\$ 476	\$	588

Additional Information

Regular Full Time

	Q4 FY2015		Q3 FY20	015	Q4 FY2014			
New Orders and Net Sales by Geography								
(<u>In \$ millions)</u>	New Orders	Net Sales	New Orders	Net Sales	New Orders	Net Sales		
United States	282	524	262	650	596	633		
% of Total	12%	22%	9%	26%	26%	28%		
Europe	155	140	142	134	198	178		
% of Total	6%	6%	5%	6%	9%	8%		
Japan	452	256	727	271	287	209		
% of Total	19%	11%	25%	11%	13%	9%		
Korea	207	216	349	308	251	187		
% of Total	8%	9%	12%	12%	11%	8%		
Taiwan	846	651	828	751	599	618		
% of Total	35%	27%	29%	30%	27%	27%		
Southeast Asia	100	131	142	94	113	136		
% of Total	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%		
China	382	450	442	282	211	303		
% of Total	16%	19%	15%	11%	9%	14%		
Employees (In thousands)								

14.6

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	FY 201	5	FY 201	4
New Orders and Net Sales by Geography				
(<u>In \$ millions)</u>	New Orders	Net Sales	New Orders	Net Sales
United States	1,323	2,335	2,200	1,966
% of Total	13%	24%	23%	22%
Europe	576	567	662	658
% of Total	6%	6%	7%	7%
Japan	1,786	1,015	1,031	817
% of Total	18%	10%	11%	9%
Korea	1,709	1,437	1,086	965
% of Total	17%	15%	11%	10%
Taiwan	2,808	2,376	2,740	2,702
% of Total	28%	25%	28%	30%
Southeast Asia	430	397	412	356
% of Total	4%	4%	4%	4%
China	1,472	1,532	1,517	1,608
% of Total	14%	16%	16%	18%

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Months Ended				Twelve Months Ended					
(In millions, except percentages)	October 25, 2015			July 26, 2015	October 26, 2014		October 25, 2015		October 26, 2014	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Gross Profit		2015		2015		2014		2015		2014
Reported gross profit - GAAP basis	\$	959	\$	1,018	\$	959	\$	3,952	\$	3,843
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		42		41		42		162		158
Inventory charges related to restructuring ^{3, 4}		1		34		_		35		_
Acquisition integration costs		_		_		_		_		1
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁷		(2)				—		(2)		_
Non-GAAP adjusted gross profit	\$	1,000	\$	1,093	\$	1,001	\$	4,147	\$	4,002
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin		42.2%		43.9%	_	44.2%		42.9%		44.1%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income										
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	423	\$	396	\$	412	\$	1,693	\$	1,520
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		47		47		48		185		183
Acquisition integration costs		—		1		4		2		34
Loss (gain) on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		3		(39)		(89)		(30)
Certain items associated with terminated business combination ²		_		1		23		50		73
Restructuring, inventory charges and asset impairments ^{3, 4, 5}		(1)		50		(2)		49		5
Foreign exchange loss due to functional currency change ⁶		_		19		_		19		_
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁷		(13)		_		(4)		(13)		(4)
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	456	\$	517	\$	442	\$	1,896	\$	1,781
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		19.3%		20.8%		19.5%		19.6%		19.6%
Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income										
Reported net income - GAAP basis ⁸	\$	336	\$	329	\$	256	\$	1,377	\$	1,072
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		47		47		48		185		183
Acquisition integration costs		_		1		4		2		34
Loss (gain) on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		3		(39)		(89)		(30)
Certain items associated with terminated business combination ²		_		1		23		50		73
Restructuring, inventory charges and asset impairments ^{3, 4, 5}		(1)		50		(2)		49		5
Impairment (gain on sale) of strategic investments, net		(2)		(1)		(5)		4		(9)
Foreign exchange loss due to functional currency change ⁶		_		19		_		19		_
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁷		(13)				(4)		(13)		(4)
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolution of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items ⁸		(18)		(21)		50		(110)		28
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		(2)		(18)		7		(17)		(38)
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$	347	\$	410	\$	338	\$	1,457	\$	1,314

1 These items are incremental charges attributable to completed acquisitions, consisting of amortization of purchased intangible assets.

² These items are incremental charges related to the terminated business combination agreement with Tokyo Electron Limited, consisting of acquisition-related and integration planning costs.

- ³ Results for the three months ended October 25, 2015 included a \$2 million favorable adjustment of restructuring reserves related to prior restructuring plans and \$1 million of inventory charges related to cost reductions in the solar business. Results for the three months ended July 26, 2015 primarily included \$34 million of inventory charges and \$17 million of restructuring charges and asset impairments related to the solar business.
- ⁴ Results for fiscal 2015 primarily included \$35 million of inventory charges, \$17 million of restructuring charges and asset impairments related to cost reductions in the solar business, and a \$2 million favorable adjustment of restructuring reserves related to prior restructuring plans.
- 5 Results for the three months ended October 26, 2014 included a \$2 million favorable adjustment of restructuring reserve, and results for the twelve months ended October 26, 2014 included \$5 million of employee-related costs related to the restructuring program announced on October 3, 2012.
- 6 Results for the three months ended July 26, 2015 and fiscal 2015 included a \$19 million foreign exchange loss due to an immaterial correction of an error related to functional currency change.
- 7 These items are significant gains, losses, or charges during a period that are the result of isolated events or transactions which have not occurred frequently in the past and are not expected to occur regularly or be repeated in the future.
- ⁸ Amounts for fiscal 2015 included an adjustment to decrease the provision for income taxes by \$35 million with a corresponding increase in net income, resulting in an increase in diluted earnings per share of \$0.03. The adjustment was excluded in Applied's non-GAAP adjusted results and was made primarily to correct an error in the recognition of cost of sales in the U.S. related to intercompany sales, which resulted in overstating profitability in the U.S. and the provision for income taxes in immaterial amounts in each year since fiscal 2010.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Months Ended						Twelve Months Ended			
(<u>In millions except per share amounts)</u>	October 25, 2015		July 26, 2015		October 26, 2014		 October 25, 2015		October 26, 2014	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share										
Reported earnings per diluted share - GAAP basis ¹	\$	0.28	\$	0.27	\$	0.21	\$ 1.12	\$	0.87	
Certain items associated with acquisitions		0.04		0.03		0.04	0.14		0.13	
Acquisition integration costs		_		—		_	_		0.02	
Certain items associated with terminated business combination		_		—		0.01	0.03		0.05	
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		_		(0.02)	(0.05)		(0.02)	
Restructuring, inventory charges and asset impairments		_		0.03		_	0.03			
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolution of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items ¹		(0.02)		(0.02)		0.03	(0.09)		0.02	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net		(0.01)		—		—	(0.01)			
Foreign exchange loss due to functional currency change		_		0.02		_	0.02		_	
Non-GAAP adjusted earnings per diluted share	\$	0.29	\$	0.33	\$	0.27	\$ 1.19	\$	1.07	
Weighted average number of diluted shares		1,190		1,231		1,236	 1,226		1,231	

Amounts for fiscal 2015 included an adjustment to decrease the provision for income taxes by \$35 million with a corresponding increase in net income, resulting in an increase in diluted earnings per share of \$0.03. The adjustment was excluded in Applied's non-GAAP adjusted results and was made primarily to correct an error in the recognition of cost of sales in the U.S. related to intercompany sales, which resulted in overstating profitability in the U.S. and the provision for income taxes in immaterial amounts in each year since fiscal 2010.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED RESULTS

	Three Months Ended					Twelve Months Ended				
(In millions, except percentages)	0	ctober 25, 2015		July 26, 2015	(October 26, 2014	(October 25, 2015	C	October 26, 2014
Silicon Systems Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income		2015		2015		2014		2010		2014
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	318	\$	411	\$	305	\$	1,410	\$	1,391
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		47		44		46		178		172
Acquisition integration costs		_				1		_		2
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	365	\$	455	\$	352	\$	1,588	\$	1,565
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		24.4 %		27.8 %		24.5 %		25.9 %		26.2%
AGS Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income										
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	171	\$	170	\$	146	\$	664	\$	573
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		—						1		3
Inventory charges related to restructuring ^{2, 3}		—		3		—		3		_
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁴		(1)		_		_		(1)		—
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	170	\$	173	\$	146	\$	667	\$	576
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		26.7 %	-	26.0 %		24.7 %		26.4 %		26.2%
Display Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income										
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	19	\$	25	\$	52	\$	156	\$	129
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		—		1		—		2		2
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	19	\$	26	\$	52	\$	158	\$	131
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		9.9 %		17.2 %		27.4 %		20.3 %		21.3%
EES Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)										
Reported operating income (loss) - GAAP basis	\$	—	\$	(52)	\$	(3)	\$	(61)	\$	15
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		—		2		2		4		6
Restructuring, inventory charges and asset impairments ^{2, 3}		(1)		48		—		47		—
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income (loss)	\$	(1)	\$	(2)	\$	(1)	\$	(10)	\$	21
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		(2.2)%		(5.1)%		(2.1)%		(4.7)%		7.5%

1 These items are incremental charges attributable to completed acquisitions, consisting of amortization of purchased intangible assets.

- Results for the three months ended October 25, 2015 included a \$2 million favorable adjustment of restructuring reserves related to prior restructuring plans and \$1 million of inventory charges related to cost reductions in the solar business. Results for the three months ended July 26, 2015 primarily included \$34 million of inventory charges and \$17 million of restructuring charges and asset impairments related to the solar business.
- ³ Results for fiscal 2015 primarily included \$35 million of inventory charges, \$17 million of restructuring charges and asset impairments related to cost reductions in the solar business, and a \$2 million favorable adjustment of restructuring reserves related to prior restructuring plans.
- ⁴ These items are significant gains, losses, or charges during a period that are the result of isolated events or transactions which have not occurred frequently in the past and are not expected to occur regularly or be repeated in the future.

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UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSES

	Three Months Ended				
(In millions)	October 25, 2015			July 26, 2015	
Operating expenses - GAAP basis	\$	536	\$	622	
Loss on derivatives associated with terminated business combination		_		(3)	
Restructuring charges and asset impairments		2		(16)	
Certain items associated with acquisitions		(5)		(6)	
Acquisition integration costs		_		(1)	
Certain items associated with terminated business combination		_		(1)	
Foreign exchange loss due to functional currency change		_		(19)	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net		11		—	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating expenses	\$	544	\$	576	

UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP ADJUSTED EFFECTIVE INCOME TAX RATE

(In millions, except percentages)	Three Months Ended October 25, 2015	
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Provision for income taxes - GAAP basis (a)	\$	61
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolutions of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items		18
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		2
Non-GAAP adjusted provision for income taxes (b)	\$	81
Income before income taxes - GAAP basis (<i>c</i>)	\$	397
Certain items associated with acquisitions		47
Restructuring, inventory charges and asset impairments		(1)
Gain on sale of strategic investments, net		(2)
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net		(13)
Non-GAAP adjusted income before income taxes (d)	\$	428
Effective income tax rate - GAAP basis (<i>a</i> / <i>c</i>)		15.4%
Non-GAAP adjusted effective income tax rate (b/d)		18.9%