Instruction 1(b)

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DICKERSON GARY E</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [ AMAT ]									Check	ionship of Reportin all applicable) Director Officer (give title		ig Pers	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specif		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2012										X Officer (give title Offier (sp below)  President				
(Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95054 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									G. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     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																					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Se Be Ov		Securities Beneficially		vnership n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	.	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(111501.4)		
Common	12/05/	/2012				A		400,000	0 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$	0	1,450,000(2)			D					
	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)	tive Conversion Date Execution D ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			t		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	O Fe D OI (I)	0. wwnership orm: irect (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents performance shares that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting depends on the achievement of specified performance goals. Provided such goals are achieved, vesting is scheduled to occur no earlier than in four equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2013 (subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date). The number of shares shown is the target amount. The actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals

2. Number of shares includes: (a) 500,000 performance shares previously reported that in the future will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting. Provided specified performance goals are achieved, these shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each July of 2013 through 2016, which number of shares is the target amount, 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 (b) 550,000 shares of restricted stock previously reported that, provided specified performance goals are achieved, will be scheduled to vest in installments during each June of 2013 through 2015 (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

> /s/ Charmaine Mesina, 12/07/2012 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
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