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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Thakur Randhir (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 (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) 12/19/2011 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) below) EVP & GM, Silicon Systems 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applical Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				Owner r (specify y) ms Applicable
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,		Transaction Dispo			curities Acquired (A) obsed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Secur Benef Owne Repor		icially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	V	Amount	(A) or D)	Price	(Instr.	action(s) 3 and 4)		
Common Stock 12/19/2					/2011	2011			F		99,738	1)	D	\$10.13		679,643 ⁽²⁾		D	
Common Stock																3,369.747 ⁽³⁾		I	By 401(k) Plan
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	(Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) 8)		Transa Code (nstr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount nber	8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.	tive ty	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares (restricted stock units) to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3
- 2. Number of shares includes: (a) 538,500 performance shares (restricted stock units) 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 will be scheduled to occur as follows: (i) 269,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 36,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 233,000 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; and (b) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 17,000 shares of restricted stock 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 is subject to continued employment through each vest date).
- 3. Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

/s/ Charmaine Mesina, 12/21/2011 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).
- ** 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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