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): February 18, 2016

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-06920

94-1655526

(Commission File Number)

(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

 $${\rm N/A}$$ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- 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 February 18, 2016, Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied Materials") announced its financial results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2016. 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 February 18, 2016.

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: February 18, 2016 By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins

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

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NEWS RELEASE

APPLIED MATERIALS ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2016 RESULTS

- · Applied delivers in line results and expects sequential growth in net sales and non-GAAP EPS
- Company returns \$740 million to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 18, 2016 - Applied Materials, Inc. (NASDAQ:AMAT), the global leader in materials engineering solutions for the semiconductor, display and solar industries, today reported results for its first quarter ended January 31, 2016.

First quarter orders were \$2.28 billion, down 6 percent sequentially and flat year over year. Net sales were \$2.26 billion, down 5 percent sequentially and down 4 percent year over year.

On a non-GAAP adjusted basis, the company reported first quarter gross margin of 42.4 percent, operating margin of 17.8 percent, and net income of \$302 million or \$0.26 per diluted share. The company recorded GAAP gross margin of 40.6 percent, operating margin of 15.7 percent, and net income of \$286 million or \$0.25 per diluted share.

The company generated \$207 million in cash from operations during the first quarter, paid dividends of \$115 million and used \$625 million to repurchase 35 million shares of common stock.

"As the market moves into the sweet spot for Applied's materials engineering technology, we see strong demand for our semiconductor, display and service businesses," said Gary Dickerson, president and CEO. "We are maintaining a positive outlook for 2016 as our customers make strategic, inflection-driven investments that play to our strengths."

Quarterly Results Summary

				Cha	inge			
				Q1 FY2016 vs.	Q1 FY2016 vs.			
	Q1 FY2016	Q4 FY2015	Q1 FY2015	Q4 FY2015	Q1 FY2015			
		(In millions, exce	pt per share amounts and percentages)					
New orders	\$2,275	\$2,424	\$2,273	(6)%	—%			
Net sales	\$2,257	\$2,368	\$2,359	(5)%	(4)%			
Gross margin	40.6%	40.5%	40.7%	0.1 points	(0.1) points			
Operating margin	15.7%	17.9%	19.4%	(2.2) points	(3.7) points			
Net income	\$286	\$336	\$348	(15)%	(18)%			
Diluted earnings per share (EPS)	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.28	(11)%	(11)%			

				Change		
				Q1 FY2016	Q1 FY2016	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results	Q1 FY2016	Q4 FY2015	Q1 FY2015	vs. Q4 FY2015	vs. Q1 FY2015	
	(In millions, except per share amounts and percentages)					
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin	42.4%	42.2%	42.3%	0.2 points	0.1 points	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	17.8%	19.3%	18.9%	(1.5) points	(1.1) points	
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$302	\$347	\$338	(13)%	(11)%	
Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS	\$0.26	\$0.29	\$0.27	(10)%	(4)%	

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 second quarter of fiscal 2016, Applied expects net sales to be up 5 percent to 10 percent sequentially. Non-GAAP adjusted diluted EPS is expected to be in the range of \$0.30 to \$0.34.

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.

First Quarter Reportable Segment Information

Silicon Systems	Q1	FY2016 Q	4 FY2015	Q1 FY2015		
		(In millions, except percentages)				
New orders	\$	1,275 \$	1,444 \$	1,426		
Foundry		38%	35%	34%		
DRAM		29%	21%	34%		
Flash		22%	31%	18%		
Logic and other		11%	13%	14%		
Net sales		1,373	1,494	1,446		
Operating income		265	318	307		
Operating margin		19.3%	21.3%	21.2%		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results						
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	312 \$	365 \$	350		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		22.7%	24.4%	24.2%		

Applied Global Services	Q1	Q1 FY2016 Q4 FY2015		Q1 FY2015			
		(In millions, except percentages)					
New orders	\$	773 \$	761 \$	690			
Net sales		626	637	583			
Operating income		156	171	153			
Operating margin		24.9%	26.8%	26.2%			
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results							
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	156 \$	170 \$	154			
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		24.9%	26.7%	26.4%			

<u>Display</u>	Q1 F	Y2016 Q4	FY2015	Q1 FY2015		
		(In millions, except percentages)				
New orders	\$	183 \$	195 \$	107		
Net sales		213	191	275		
Operating income		38	19	72		
Operating margin		17.8%	9.9%	26.2%		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results						
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	38 \$	19 \$	73		
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		17.8%	9.9%	26.5%		

Energy and Environmental Solutions	 Q1 FY2016 Q4 F	Y2015	Q1 FY2015	
	(In millions, ex	ccept percentages)		
New orders	\$ 44 \$	24 \$	50	
Net sales	45	46	55	
Operating income (loss)	6	_	(4)	
Operating margin	13.3%	— %	(7.3)%	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Results				
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 4 \$	(1) \$	(3)	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin	8.9%	(2.2)%	(5.5)%	

Backlog Information

Applied's backlog decreased 1% to \$3.11 billion and included negative adjustments of \$51 million. Backlog composition by reportable segment was as follows:

Silicon Systems	51%
Applied Global Services	30%
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 www.appliedmaterials.com. 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 second 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-K 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 www.appliedmaterials.com.

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APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended						
(<u>In millions, except per share amounts)</u>		January 31, 2016		October 25, 2015		January 25, 2015	
Net sales	\$	2,257	\$	2,368	\$	2,359	
Cost of products sold		1,341		1,409		1,400	
Gross profit		916		959		959	
Operating expenses:							
Research, development and engineering		374		363		351	
Marketing and selling		106		96		111	
General and administrative		82		77		117	
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination				_		(78)	
Total operating expenses		562		536		501	
Income from operations		354		423		458	
Interest expense		42		32		23	
Interest income and other income, net		2		6		2	
Income before income taxes		314		397		437	
Provision for income taxes		28		61		89	
Net income	\$	286	\$	336	\$	348	
Earnings per share:							
Basic and diluted	\$	0.25	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	
Weighted average number of shares:							
Basic		1,146		1,182		1,224	
Diluted		1,154		1,190		1,240	

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions)	January 31, 2016			October 25, 2015
ASSETS	-		-	
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,962	\$	4,797
Short-term investments		154		168
Accounts receivable, net		1,625		1,739
Inventories		1,835		1,833
Other current assets		334		724
Total current assets		6,910		9,261
Long-term investments		996		946
Property, plant and equipment, net		908		892
Goodwill		3,302		3,302
Purchased technology and other intangible assets, net		714		762
Deferred income taxes and other assets		496		145
Total assets	\$	13,326	\$	15,308
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term debt	\$	_	\$	1,200
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,457		1,833
Customer deposits and deferred revenue		850		765
Total current liabilities		2,307		3,798
Long-term debt		3,343		3,342
Other liabilities		508		555
Total liabilities		6,158		7,695
Total stockholders' equity		7,168		7,613
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	13,326	\$	15,308

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

	Three Months Ended					
(In millions)	Jai	nuary 31, 2016	0	ctober 25, 2015	Ja	anuary 25, 2015
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income	\$	286	\$	336	\$	348
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		96		96		92
Share-based compensation		54		46		48
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation		(10)		(2)		(39)
Deferred income taxes		15		(159)		28
Other		10		(11)		8
Net change in operating assets and liabilities		(244)		165		(425)
Cash provided by operating activities		207		471		60
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Capital expenditures		(68)		(55)		(49)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments		241		200		140
Purchases of investments		(282)		(202)		(141)
Cash used in investing activities		(109)		(57)		(50)
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Debt borrowings (repayments), net of issuance costs		(1,205)		2,581		_
Proceeds from common stock issuances and others, net		2		45		_
Common stock repurchases		(625)		(700)		_
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation		10		2		39
Payments of dividends to stockholders		(115)		(119)		(122)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(1,933)		1,809		(83)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,835)		2,223		(73)
Cash and cash equivalents — beginning of period		4,797		2,574		3,002
Cash and cash equivalents — end of period	\$	2,962	\$	4,797	\$	2,929
Supplemental cash flow information:						
Cash payments for income taxes	\$	44	\$	149	\$	89
Cash refunds from income taxes	\$	5	\$	2	\$	3
Cash payments for interest	\$	34	\$	7	\$	39

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Corporate Unallocated Expenses

(In millions)	Ç	1 FY2016	Q4 F	Y2015	Q	1 FY2015
Share-based compensation	\$	54	\$	46	\$	48
Certain items associated with terminated business combination		_		_		20
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		_		(78)
Other unallocated expenses		57		39		80
Total corporate	\$	111	\$	85	\$	70

Additional Information

	Q1 FY2016 Q4 FY2015		Q1 FY2015			
New Orders and Net Sales by Geography						
(In \$ millions)	New Orders	Net Sales	New Orders	Net Sales	New Orders	Net Sales
United States	369	293	282	301	411	369
% of Total	16%	13%	12%	13%	18%	16%
Europe	156	138	155	172	148	153
% of Total	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Japan	109	334	452	278	242	243
% of Total	5%	15%	19%	12%	11%	10%
Korea	373	268	207	239	546	536
% of Total	17%	12%	8%	10%	24%	23%
Taiwan	574	637	846	758	545	556
% of Total	25%	28%	35%	32%	24%	24%
Southeast Asia	232	90	100	143	85	92
% of Total	10%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%
China	462	497	382	477	296	410
% of Total	20%	22%	16%	20%	13%	17%
Employees (In thousands)						
Regular Full Time		14.6		14.6		14.1

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

	Three Months Ended						
(<u>In millions, except percentages)</u>	January 31, 2016		October 25, 2015		January 25, 2015		
Non-GAAP Adjusted Gross Profit							
Reported gross profit - GAAP basis	\$	916	\$	959	\$	959	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		42		42		40	
Inventory charges (reversals) related to restructuring ^{3, 4}		(1)		1		_	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁵		_		(2)		_	
Non-GAAP adjusted gross profit	\$	957	\$	1,000	\$	999	
Non-GAAP adjusted gross margin		42.4%		42.2%		42.3%	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income							
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	354	\$	423	\$	458	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		48		47		46	
Acquisition integration costs		_		_		1	
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		_		(78)	
Certain items associated with terminated business combination ²		_		_		20	
Reversals related to restructuring, net ^{3, 4}		(1)		(1)		_	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁵		_		(13)		_	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	401	\$	456	\$	447	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		17.8%		19.3%		18.9%	
Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income							
Reported net income - GAAP basis	\$	286	\$	336	\$	348	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		48		47		46	
Acquisition integration costs		_		_		1	
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		_		(78)	
Certain items associated with terminated business combination ²		_		_		20	
Reversals related to restructuring, net ^{3, 4}		(1)		(1)		_	
Impairment (gain on sale) of strategic investments, net		(2)		(2)		1	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		5		_		_	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁵		_		(13)		_	
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolution of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items		(29)		(18)		(17)	
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		(5)		(2)		17	
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$	302	\$	347	\$	338	
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- 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.
- Results for three months ended January 31, 2016 included a \$1 million reversal of inventory charges related to cost reductions in the solar business.
- 4 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.
- 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.

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

	Three Months Ended					
(<u>In millions except per share amounts)</u>		January 31, 2016		October 25, 2015		January 25, 2015
Non-GAAP Adjusted Earnings Per Diluted Share						
Reported earnings per diluted share - GAAP basis	\$	0.25	\$	0.28	\$	0.28
Certain items associated with acquisitions		0.04		0.04		0.03
Certain items associated with terminated business combination		_		_		0.01
Gain on derivatives associated with terminated business combination, net		_		_		(0.04)
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolution of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items		(0.03)		(0.02)		(0.01)
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net		_		(0.01)		_
Non-GAAP adjusted earnings per diluted share	\$	0.26	\$	0.29	\$	0.27
Weighted average number of diluted shares		1,154		1,190		1,240

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

	Three Months Ended						
(In millions, except percentages)		January 31, 2016		October 25, 2015		January 25, 2015	
Silicon Systems Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income							
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	265	\$	318	\$	307	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		47		47		43	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	312	\$	365	\$	350	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		22.7%		24.4 %		24.2 %	
AGS Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income							
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	156	\$	171	\$	153	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		_		_		1	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net ⁴		_		(1)		_	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	156	\$	170	\$	154	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		24.9%		26.7 %		26.4 %	
Display Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income							
Reported operating income - GAAP basis	\$	38	\$	19	\$	72	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		_		_		1	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income	\$	38	\$	19	\$	73	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		17.8%		9.9 %		26.5 %	
EES Non-GAAP Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)							
Reported operating income (loss) - GAAP basis	\$	6	\$	_	\$	(4)	
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹		1		_		1	
Reversals related to restructuring, net ^{2,3}		(3)		(1)		_	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating income (loss)	\$	4	\$	(1)	\$	(3)	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating margin		8.9%		(2.2)%		(5.5)%	

- 1 These items are incremental charges attributable to completed acquisitions, consisting of amortization of purchased intangible assets.
- Results for the three months ended January 31, 2016 included \$3 million of favorable adjustment of employee-related costs and \$1 million reversal of inventory charges, partially offset by \$1 million of fixed asset impairment charges related to cost reductions in the solar business.
- 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.
- 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.

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

	Three Months Ended				
(In millions)	January 31, 2016 O		Oct	October 25, 2015	
Operating expenses - GAAP basis	\$	562	\$	536	
Reversals related to restructuring, net		_		2	
Certain items associated with acquisitions		(6)		(5)	
Other significant gains, losses or charges, net		_		11	
Non-GAAP adjusted operating expenses	\$	556	\$	544	

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

(In millions, except percentages)	Three Months Ended January 31, 2016	
Provision for income taxes - GAAP basis (a)	\$	28
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit, resolutions of prior years' income tax filings and other tax items		29
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments		5
Non-GAAP adjusted provision for income taxes (b)	\$	62
Income before income taxes - GAAP basis (<i>c</i>)	\$	314
Certain items associated with acquisitions		48
Reversals related to restructuring, net		(1)
Gain on sale of strategic investments, net		(2)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		5
Non-GAAP adjusted income before income taxes (d)	\$	364
Effective income tax rate - GAAP basis (a/c)		8.9%
Non-GAAP adjusted effective income tax rate (<i>b/d</i>)		17.0%