FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FLANAGAN JOSEPH GERARD						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [ AMAT ]									Check	all app Direc	licable)		Issuer Owner or (specify
(Last) C/O APP		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2012									X Officer (give title below) SVP, Worldwide			belo	N) .				
P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268  (Street)  SANTA CLARA CA  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tabl	e I - Non-	-Deriva	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired	, Dis	sposed o	f, o	r Ben	eficia	ally C	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed (			ties Acquired (A) o l Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Secui		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership
						Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Trai		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)			
Common	/2012				F		15,725	(1)	D	\$11.34		73	7,100 <sup>(2)</sup>	D					
		Та	ble II - Do (e								osed of, onvertib				y Ow	ned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution E if any (Month/Day	n Date, Tr	Transa	ransaction code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Am Sec Und Der Sec	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)			vative urity ir. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction( (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents number of shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Number of shares includes 625,000 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, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 87,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each March of 2013 and 2014; (b) 87,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 450,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December 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 (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

/s/ Charmaine Mesina, Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2012

\*\* 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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