

SPLINTER MICHAEL R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SPLINTER MICHAEL R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(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)  
**02/21/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President and CEO**

(Street)  
**SANTA CLARA, CA 95054**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 02/21/2012                           |                                                    | G                              | V 12,270 D \$ 0                                                      | 1,767,026 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                      | 273.742                                                                                       | I                                                        | By The 401(k) Plan                                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                      | 300,000                                                                                       | I                                                        | Revocable Trust                                       |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                         | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| SPLINTER MICHAEL R<br>C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.<br>P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268<br>SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | X             |           | Chairman,<br>President and<br>CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Charmaine Mesina,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 03/20/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Number of shares includes: (a) 702,000 performance shares 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: (i) 406,000 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 63,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 and 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; (b) 337,500 shares of restricted stock that are scheduled to vest as follows: (i) 95,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 9,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; (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 (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 109,000 performance units

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will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of units is the target award level, and the actual number of units 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).

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