

APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Belden Christopher P</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., Â P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 2023</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SANTA CLARA, Â CA Â 95054</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/13/2006</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Group VP,GM Global Operations</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 157,654 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 02/22/2012 | Common Stock | 200,000 | \$ 17.46 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (3) | 12/01/2012 | Common Stock | 80,000 | \$ 18.64 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Belden Christopher P C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 2023 SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | Â | Â | Â Group VP, GM Global Operations | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Charmaine Mesina,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- Includes 75,000 performance shares (or restricted stock units) that are scheduled to vest in four equal annual installments beginning 8/31/07 and 79,500 performance shares that are scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments beginning 8/31/07 (assuming continued employment). The performance shares will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock immediately upon vesting.
- (1)
 - (2) 50,000 shares became exercisable on 2/22/06, and 50,000 shares become exercisable on each of 2/22/07, 2/22/08, and 2/22/09 (assuming continued employment).
 - (3) 20,000 shares became exercisable on 8/31/06, and 20,000 shares become exercisable on each of 8/31/07, 8/31/08, and 08/31/09 (assuming continued employment).

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