

APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2011

**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): October 18, 2011

**Applied Materials, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-06920**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-1655526**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**3050 Bowers Avenue**

**P.O. Box 58039**

**Santa Clara, CA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 727-5555**

**95052-8039**

**(Zip Code)**

**N/A**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 18, 2011, Applied Materials, Inc. (Applied) issued a press release announcing that it has received notice from the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, of early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act in connection with Applied's proposed acquisition of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 3, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release issued by Applied on October 18, 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

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)

Dated: October 18, 2011

By:

/s/ JOSEPH J. SWEENEY  
**Joseph J. Sweeney**

**Senior Vice President,**

**General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**