

APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
July 20, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 20, 2006

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**Applied Materials, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-6920**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-1655526**  
(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

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))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On July 20, 2006, Applied Materials, Inc. issued a press release announcing it had completed formation of a joint venture company, Sokudo Co., Ltd., with Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. The text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of Applied Materials, Inc., 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 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

99.1 Press Release issued by Applied Materials, Inc. dated July 20, 2006.

**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: July 20, 2006

By: /s/ JOSEPH J. SWEENEY  
Joseph J. Sweeney

*Senior Vice President*

*General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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