

Kerschbaum Manfred
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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 *
 Kerschbaum Manfred

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2012

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 (A) or Disposed of (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 12/19/2012 | | F | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price 20,146 \$ <u>(1)</u> 11.34 | 338,545 <u>(2)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,087.471 <u>(3)</u> | I | By The 401(k) Plan |

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kerschbaum Manfred C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Charmaine Mesina,
Attorney-in-Fact
12/21/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Represents shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
Number of shares includes 198,125 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 will be scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 75,625 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; (b) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 22,500 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 100,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2015, 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 will be subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).
- (3) Increased number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions and dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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