

APPLIED MATERIALS ANNOUNCES 100 PERCENT STOCK DIVIDEND

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SANTA CLARA, Calif., September 11, 1997 -- James C. Morgan, chairman and chief executive officer of Applied Materials, Inc., announced today that the company's Board of Directors has authorized a 100-percent stock dividend to holders of the company's common stock. The dividend shares will be distributed on or about October 13, 1997 to stockholders of record as of September 25, 1997.

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