FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SPLINTER MICHAEL R</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--|---|---------------------------------|------------|---|----------------|--|--|------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|-----|--|---------------------------------------|
| | LIED MA | First) TERIALS, INC. 050 BOWERS A | (Middle) | 268 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2013 | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO | | | | | |
| (Street) | CLARA (| | 95054 | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filin Line) X Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha Person | | | | ting Perso | n |
| (City) | (: | State) | (Zip) | on Do | rivoti | | | ition An | auiro | 4 D: | onesed o | f or Bo | anfinial | Ilv. Ov | · · · · · · | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | saction | tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | | 5. Se Be | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Tr | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | 04/0 | 4/02/2013 | | | | G | V | 12,684 | D | \$0 | | 2,249,444(1) | |] | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 05/2 | 05/21/2013 | | | | M | | 300,000(2) |) A | \$8.58 | 8 | 2,549,444(1) | | D | | | |
| Common | ommon Stock | | | 05/2 | 05/21/2013 | | | | S | | 300,000 | D | \$14.71 | 1 ⁽³⁾ 2,249,444 ⁽¹⁾ | | 144 ⁽¹⁾ |] | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 284.036 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | I . | By The 401(k) Plan | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 300,000 | | | | Revocable Trust | |
| | | | Table II | | | | | | , | | posed of, convertik | | , | y Owr | ned | | | | |
| 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/Yea | | Code (Inst | | ion Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | te | 7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | le V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share | nt (Ir er | | (Instr. 4) | (3) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$8.58 | 05/21/2013 | | | M | | | 300,000 | 04/01/2010 ⁽⁵⁾ | | 03/09/2014 | Common Stock | 300,00 | 00 | \$0 0 | | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- I. Number of shares includes: (a) 1,117,750 performance shares previously reported that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (i) 246,750 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 63,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 808,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2016, which number of shares is the target amount, and the actual number of shares hat may vest ranges from 0% to 150% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals; (b) 302,250 shares will be scheduled to vest in Stollows: (i) 60,250 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 and 2014; (ii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 9,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in December 2013; and (iii) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 233,000 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; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 109,000 performance units will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2013 through 2015, which number of units is the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals (a) through 2015, which number of units is the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals (a) through 2015, which number of units is the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals (a) through 2015, which number of units is the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance go
- 2. Represents an exercise of a portion of a stock option granted on March 9, 2009 that would have expired on March 9, 2014, if not exercised. Following the exercise and sale reported on this Form 4, the reporting person remains in compliance with the ownership requirements under Applied Materials, Inc.'s Stock Ownership Guidelines.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.66 to \$14.75, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Applied Materials, Inc., any security holder of Applied Materials, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 3 to this Form 4.
- 4. Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- $5.\ Shares\ became\ exercisable\ beginning\ on\ April\ 1,\ 2010.$

<u>/s/ Charmaine Mesina,</u> Attorney-in-Fact

05/22/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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