
**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): December 17, 2015

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.)

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: 1-408-727-5555

Not Applicable
(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 17, 2015, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Applied Materials, Inc. (“Applied”) appointed Adrianna Ma to serve as a member of the Board and as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, effective immediately.

Ms. Ma will receive the standard compensation applicable to non-employee directors: (1) an annual retainer of \$65,000 (prorated based on her service during the year), in addition to a fee of \$2,000 for each committee meeting attended, and (2) an automatic grant of a number of restricted stock units equal to \$200,000, divided by the market value of Applied’s common stock on the date of her appointment, and prorated based on the period beginning on the date of Ms. Ma’s appointment and ending on the date of the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in full on March 1, 2016, subject to Ms. Ma’s continued service as a director through that date.

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: December 18, 2015

By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins
Thomas F. Larkins
Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary