FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     BRONSON JOSEPH R |   |  |              |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [ AMAT ] |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   | (Che                  | ck all applica<br>Director<br>Officer (                                    | rector 10% Owner fficer (give title Other (specify |   |     |                                    |  |
|--|---|--|--------------|---|--|--|---|--|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|---|-----|------------------------------------|--|
|  | LIED MA   | First) FERIALS, INC                        | (Middle)     |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2003                    |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | X Officer (give title Other (specific below)  Executive VP and CFO         |  |   |     |                                    |  |
| 3050 BOWERS AVENUE, M/S 2023                               |   |  |              |   |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       |  |  |   |     | icable                             |  |
| (Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95054                              |   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   | Line                  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |   |     |                                    |  |
| (City)   | (5  | State)                                     | (Zip)        |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | Person   |  |   |     |                                    |  |
|  |   | T  | able I - Nor | า-Deriva  | tive S   | ecu  | rities A  | cquired,   | Dis         | posed               | of, o           | r Bene  | ficially              | Owned  |  |   |     |                                    |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                            |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |              | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | , Transaction Code (Instr.   |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |             |                     |                 | Beneficial<br>Owned Fo                              | s<br>ally<br>ollowing | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)          |  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |     |                                    |  |
|  |   |  |              |   |  |  |   | Code   | v           | Amoun               | t               | (A) or<br>(D)                                       | Price                 | Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 3 ar                                     |  |   |     | Instr. 4)                          |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              | 08/15/  | 2003   |  |   | M  |             | 25,0                | 00              | A   | \$7.44                | 25,0   | 000  |   | D   |                                    |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              | 08/15/  | 2003   |  |   | S  |             | 25,0                | 00              | D   | \$18.97               | ' (  | )  |   | D   |                                    |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | 45,6   | 28(1)  |   | D   |                                    |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | 56,2   | 752  |   | I I | Bronson<br>Rev.<br>Frust           |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | 38,262   | .583(2)  |   | I 4 | 3y<br>401(k)<br>Plan               |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | 3,1  | 72   |   | I d | As<br>custodian<br>for son         |  |
| Common   | Stock   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | 2,7  | 88   |   | I d | As<br>custodian<br>for<br>daughter |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 | 496   |                       |  | I d  | As<br>custodian<br>for<br>nephew                    |     |                                    |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 | 45  | 456                   |  | I d  | As<br>custodian<br>for<br>nephew                    |     |                                    |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |              |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 | 400   |                       |  |  | Toint<br>Fenant                                     |     |                                    |  |
|  |   |  | Table II -   |   |  |  |   |  |             |                     |                 |   |                       | Owned  |  | ,   |     |                                    |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | le of 2. 3. Transaction Active Conversion Date Execution Date, if any Coc |  | te, 4.       | saction of Ex   |  | 5. Date Exer<br>Expiration D   | Date Exercisable and piration Date onth/Day/Year) |  |             |                     | ount of erlying | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | ve derivativ          | ve es Form: Direct (I) or Indirect (I) (Insti-                             |  | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>ect (Instr. 4)           |     |                                    |  |
|  |   |  |              | Code  | v  | (A)  |   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Exp<br>Date | iration<br>e        | or<br>Nu<br>of  |   | Number                |  |  |   |     |                                    |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)           | \$7.44  | 08/15/2003                                 |              | М   |  |  | 25,000  | 07/15/2001   | 01/1        | 15/2005 CommonStock |                 | ionStock  | 25,000                | \$0 25,000   |  | ) <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | D   |                                    |  |

- 1. Shares held under the Applied Materials, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan and exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Increased number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions under 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 3. Reporting Person has additional Employee Stock Options covering 2,040,000 shares of Common Stock with varying exercise prices and expiration dates.

/s/ Joseph R. Bronson

08/18/2003

\*\* 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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