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**Applied Materials, Inc.**

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To: All Employees  
From: Mike Splinter  
Subject: 2008 Proxy  
Date: February 13, 2008

In connection with our March 11, 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Applied's Annual Report and Form 10-K for fiscal year 2007, and 2008 Proxy Statement are now available to you electronically. As in prior years, we have produced a "10-K wrap" – a shorter version of the Annual Report bound together with the Form 10-K into a single document. You may view and/or print these documents by visiting the [company's Web site](#).

I urge you to carefully read the 2008 Proxy Statement. This year we are asking our stockholders to elect 11 directors and to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Applied's independent registered public accounting firm for FY '08.

If you own Applied stock (1) through the Applied Materials Employee Savings and Retirement Plan (the "401(k) plan"); (2) that were purchased through the ESPP and held with UBS Financial Services; or (3) as a registered holder, you will receive instructions by e-mail in the next few days on how to vote for each account in which you hold shares.

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