

Sweeney Joseph J  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Sweeney Joseph J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP, GC & Corp. Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2012

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M	50,000	A \$ 8.58	552,653 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S	50,000	D \$ 12.9	502,653 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock						13,842.395 <sup>(2)</sup>	I By the 401(k) Plan

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.58	02/21/2012		M	50,000	<u>(3)</u> 03/09/2014	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ Joseph J. Sweeney 02/23/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Number of shares includes 336,250 performance shares (restricted stock units) that in the future 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: (a) 163,750 shares are scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2014; (b) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 22,500 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2013; and (c) provided specified performance goals are achieved, 150,000 shares will be scheduled to vest in installments during each December of 2012 through 2015, which number of shares is the target award level, 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 (all vesting will be subject to continued employment through each vest

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- (2) Increased number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions under 401(k) Plan that are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) 50,000 shares became exercisable on 4/1/2011 and 200,000 shares are scheduled to become exercisable on 4/1/2012 (subject to continued employment through the vest date).

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