

APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2004

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 14, 2004**

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**Applied Materials, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-6920**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-1655526**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**3050 Bowers Avenue**

**P.O. Box 58039**

**Santa Clara, CA**

**95052-8039**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 727-5555**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 14, 2004, Applied Materials, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release, the text of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by Applied Materials, Inc. dated December 14, 2004.

**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)

Date: December 14, 2004

By: /s/ JOSEPH J. SWEENEY

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Joseph J. Sweeney  
*Group Vice President*

*Legal Affairs and Intellectual Property*

*and Corporate Secretary*

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