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APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE Form 4 December 23, 2014 **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SPLINTER MICHAEL R Issuer Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE (Check all applicable) [AMAT] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS. 12/19/2014 **Executive Chairman** INC., P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 7. Nature of 6. Transaction Disposed of (D) Ownership Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 402,500 12/19/2014 Α \$0 D А 2,479,937 Stock (1) Common 553,764 D 12/19/2014 F 1,926,173 (3) D 24.89 (2) Stock Common By The 294.734 (4) I Stock 401(k) Plan Common Revocable 300,000 Ι Stock Trust

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships							
	Ι	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SPLINTER MICHAEL R C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/ SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	S 1268	X		Executive Chairman					
Signatures									
/s/ To-Anh Nguyen, Attorney-in-Fact	12/23/2014	ļ							

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Represents performance shares and restricted stock acquired based on achievement of specified performance goals related to performance shares and restricted stock previously granted. This acquisition is exempt under Rule 16b-3. The shares are subject to vesting as follows: 230,000 shares vested on December 19, 2014, and 172,500 shares are scheduled to vest in installments in December 2015 and 2016 (all

- vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).
- (2) Represents number of shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of performance shares and restricted stock to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Number of shares reflects periodic payroll acquisitions under the Employees' Stock Purchase Plan that are exempt under Rule 16a-10 and Rule 16b-3. Number of shares includes: (a) 501,150 performance shares that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of

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Applied common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur in installments in December 2015 and 2016; (b) 32,700 performance units that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur in December 2015; and (c) 69,900 shares of restricted stock that are scheduled to vest in December 2015. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vesting of all shares will accelerate upon the earliest of: (a) three trading days prior to the expected closing date of the business combination between Applied and Tokyo Electron Limited, subject to Mr. Splinter's continued employment and being a "disqualified individual" under IRS Code Section 4985 through the accelerated vest date, (b) Mr. Splinter's remaining employed with Applied through March 31, 2015, (c) Applied's termination of his employment without cause, and (d) his termination of his employment for good reason. All vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date.

(4) Increased number of shares reflects dividend reinvestment under the 401(k) Plan that is exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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