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Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended July 29, 2012

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 000-06920

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

3050 Bowers Avenue,

P.O. Box 58039

Santa Clara, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

94-1655526

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

95052-8039

(Zip Code)

(408) 727-5555

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock as of July 29, 2012: 1,237,495,151

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(Unaudited)			
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Net sales	\$ 2,343	\$ 2,787	\$ 7,073	\$ 8,336
Cost of products sold	1,413	1,603	4,347	4,827
Gross margin	930	1,184	2,726	3,509
Operating expenses:				
Research, development and engineering	309	282	933	850
Selling, general and administrative	255	240	839	679
Restructuring charges and asset impairments (Note 11)	44	3	44	(30)
Gain on sale of facilities, net (Note 7)	—	(28)	—	(27)
Total operating expenses	608	497	1,816	1,472
Income from operations	322	687	910	2,037
Impairment of strategic investments (Notes 3 and 4)	—	—	3	—
Interest and other expenses	24	25	72	35
Interest and other income, net	4	7	13	33
Income before income taxes	302	669	848	2,035
Provision for income taxes	84	193	224	564
Net income	\$ 218	\$ 476	\$ 624	\$ 1,471
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.11
Diluted	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.10
Weighted average number of shares:				
Basic	1,257	1,318	1,282	1,321
Diluted	1,268	1,330	1,292	1,333

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
			(Unaudited)	
			(In millions)	
Net income	\$ 218	\$ 476	\$ 624	\$ 1,471
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Change in unrealized net gain (loss) on investments	(9)	(1)	(6)	(2)
Change in unrealized net gain (loss) on derivative investments	(4)	(6)	(4)	(4)
Change in defined benefit plan liability	—	—	—	(1)
Change in cumulative translation adjustments	1	1	(1)	1
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(12)	(6)	(11)	(6)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 206</u>	<u>\$ 470</u>	<u>\$ 613</u>	<u>\$ 1,465</u>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
(In millions)		
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 3 and 4)	\$ 1,529	\$ 5,960
Short-term investments (Notes 3 and 4)	635	283
Accounts receivable, net (Note 6)	1,535	1,532
Inventories (Note 7)	1,380	1,701
Deferred income taxes, net	498	580
Other current assets	288	299
Total current assets	5,865	10,355
Long-term investments (Notes 3 and 4)	1,058	931
Property, plant and equipment, net (Note 7)	917	866
Goodwill (Notes 8 and 9)	3,939	1,335
Purchased technology and other intangible assets, net (Notes 8 and 9)	1,410	211
Deferred income taxes and other assets	131	163
Total assets	\$ 13,320	\$ 13,861
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (Note 7)	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,520
Customer deposits and deferred revenue (Note 7)	937	1,116
Income taxes payable	61	158
Total current liabilities	2,408	2,794
Long-term debt (Note 10)	1,946	1,947
Deferred income taxes and income taxes payable	386	104
Employee benefits and other liabilities	241	216
Total liabilities	4,981	5,061
Stockholders' equity (Note 12):		
Common stock	12	13
Additional paid-in capital	5,772	5,616
Retained earnings	13,323	13,029
Treasury stock	(10,763)	(9,864)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(5)	6
Total stockholders' equity	8,339	8,800
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 13,320	\$ 13,861

Amounts as of July 29, 2012 are unaudited. Amounts as of October 30, 2011 are derived from the October 30, 2011 audited consolidated financial statements.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount		
	(Unaudited) (In millions)							
Balance at October 30, 2011	1,306	\$ 13	\$ 5,616	\$ 13,029	573	\$ (9,864)	\$ 6	\$ 8,800
Net income	—	—	—	624	—	—	—	624
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(11)	(11)
Dividends	—	—	—	(330)	—	—	—	(330)
Share-based compensation	—	—	138	—	—	—	—	138
Stock options assumed in connection with acquisition	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	11
Issuance under stock plans, net of tax detriment of \$15 and other	12	—	7	—	—	—	—	7
Common stock repurchases	(81)	(1)	—	—	81	(899)	—	(900)
Balance at July 29, 2012	1,237	\$ 12	\$ 5,772	\$ 13,323	654	\$ (10,763)	\$ (5)	\$ 8,339

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(Unaudited) (In millions)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 624	\$ 1,471
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	325	187
Net loss (gain) on dispositions and fixed asset retirements	11	(24)
Provision for bad debts	9	—
Restructuring charges and asset impairments	44	(30)
Deferred income taxes	105	(100)
Net loss on investments and amortization on debt securities	16	13
Impairment of strategic investments	3	—
Share-based compensation	138	110
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of amounts acquired:		
Accounts receivable	183	17
Inventories	571	(310)
Other current assets	43	(36)
Other assets	4	1
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(356)	(92)
Customer deposits and deferred revenue	(230)	498
Income taxes payable	(49)	4
Employee benefits and other liabilities	(1)	19
Cash provided by operating activities	1,440	1,728
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(121)	(136)
Cash paid for acquisition, net of cash acquired	(4,189)	—
Proceeds from sale of facilities and dispositions, net of cash sold	—	126
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	765	1,173
Purchases of investments	(1,152)	(945)
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(4,697)	218
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Debt borrowings (repayments), net	(1)	1,744
Payments of debt issuance costs	—	(14)
Proceeds from common stock issuances	52	64
Common stock repurchases	(900)	(293)
Payments of dividends to stockholders	(323)	(291)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,172)	1,210
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(2)	4
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,431)	3,160
Cash and cash equivalents — beginning of period	5,960	1,858
Cash and cash equivalents — end of period	\$ 1,529	\$ 5,018
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash payments for income taxes	\$ 233	\$ 661
Cash refunds from income taxes	\$ 5	\$ 4
Cash payments for interest	\$ 87	\$ 7

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

Note 1 Basis of Presentation

Basis of Presentation

In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements of Applied Materials, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Applied or the Company) included herein have been prepared on a basis consistent with the October 30, 2011 audited consolidated financial statements and include all material adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to fairly present the information set forth therein. These unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Applied's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 30, 2011 (2011 Form 10-K). Applied's results of operations for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of future operating results. Applied's fiscal year ends on the last Sunday in October of each year. Fiscal 2012 and 2011 each contain 52 weeks, and the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 each contained 39 weeks.

In November 2011, Applied completed its acquisition of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. (Varian). Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the acquired business is included in Applied's consolidated results of operations and the results of the Silicon Systems Group and Applied Global Services segments.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. On an ongoing basis, Applied evaluates its estimates, including those related to accounts receivable and sales allowances, fair values of financial instruments, inventories, intangible assets and goodwill, useful lives of intangible assets and property and equipment, fair values of share-based awards, and income taxes, among others. Applied bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities.

Revenue Recognition

Applied recognizes revenue when all four revenue recognition criteria have been met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; seller's price to buyer is fixed or determinable; and collectability is probable. Applied's shipping terms are customarily FOB Applied shipping point or equivalent terms. Applied's revenue recognition policy generally results in revenue recognition at the following points: (1) for all transactions where legal title passes to the customer upon shipment, Applied recognizes revenue upon shipment for all products that have been demonstrated to meet product specifications prior to shipment; the portion of revenue associated with certain installation-related tasks is deferred, and that revenue is recognized upon completion of the installation-related tasks; (2) for products that have not been demonstrated to meet product specifications prior to shipment, revenue is recognized at customer technical acceptance; (3) for transactions where legal title does not pass at shipment, revenue is recognized when legal title passes to the customer, which is generally at customer technical acceptance; and (4) for arrangements containing multiple elements, the revenue relating to the undelivered elements is deferred using the relative selling price method utilizing estimated sales prices until delivery of the deferred elements. Applied limits the amount of revenue recognition for delivered elements to the amount that is not contingent on the future delivery of products or services, future performance obligations or subject to customer-specified return or adjustment. In cases where Applied has sold products that have been demonstrated to meet product specifications prior to shipment, Applied believes that at the time of delivery, it has an enforceable claim to amounts recognized as revenue. Spare parts revenue is generally recognized upon shipment, and services revenue is generally recognized over the period that the services are provided.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

When a sales arrangement contains multiple elements, such as hardware and services and/or software products, Applied allocates revenue to each element based on a selling price hierarchy. The selling price for a deliverable is based on its vendor specific objective evidence (VSOE) if available, third party evidence (TPE) if VSOE is not available, or estimated selling price (ESP) if neither VSOE nor TPE is available. Applied generally utilizes the ESP due to the nature of its products. In multiple element arrangements where more-than-incidental software deliverables are included, revenue is allocated to each separate unit of accounting for each of the non-software deliverables and to the software deliverables as a group using the relative selling prices of each of the deliverables in the arrangement based on the aforementioned selling price hierarchy. If the arrangement contains more than one software deliverable, the arrangement consideration allocated to the software deliverables as a group is then allocated to each software deliverable using the guidance for recognizing software revenue.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board amended its existing guidance for goodwill and other intangible assets. This authoritative guidance gives companies the option to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. To perform a qualitative assessment, a company must identify and evaluate changes in economic, industry and company-specific events and circumstances that could affect the significant inputs used to determine the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset. If a company determines that it is more likely than not that the fair value of such an asset exceeds its carrying amount, it would not need to calculate the fair value of the asset in that year. This authoritative guidance becomes effective for Applied in the first quarter of fiscal 2013, with early adoption permitted. The implementation of this authoritative guidance is not expected to have a material impact on Applied's financial position or results of operations.

Note 2 Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is determined using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is determined using the weighted average number of common shares and potential common shares (representing the dilutive effect of stock options, restricted stock units, and employee stock purchase plan shares) outstanding during the period. Applied's net income has not been adjusted for any period presented for purposes of computing basic or diluted earnings per share due to the Company's non-complex capital structure.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 218	\$ 476	\$ 624	\$ 1,471
Denominator:				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	1,257	1,318	1,282	1,321
Effect of dilutive stock options, restricted stock units and employee stock purchase plan shares	11	12	10	12
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	1,268	1,330	1,292	1,333
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.11
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.10
Potentially dilutive securities	11	17	12	17

Potentially dilutive securities attributable to outstanding stock options and restricted stock units were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the combined exercise price, average unamortized fair value and assumed tax benefits upon the exercise of options and the vesting of restricted stock units were greater than the average market price of Applied common stock, and therefore their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Note 3 Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**Summary of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

The following tables summarize Applied's cash, cash equivalents and investments by security type:

<u>July 29, 2012</u>	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Cash	\$ 734	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 734
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	758	—	—	758
Municipal securities	19	—	—	19
Commercial paper, corporate bonds and medium-term notes	18	—	—	18
Total Cash equivalents	795	—	—	795
Total Cash and Cash equivalents	<u>\$ 1,529</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,529</u>
Short-term and long-term investments:				
U.S. Treasury and agency securities	\$ 399	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 400
Non-U.S. government securities*	55	—	—	55
Municipal securities	386	2	—	388
Commercial paper, corporate bonds and medium-term notes	413	3	—	416
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	305	4	1	308
Total fixed income securities	1,558	10	1	1,567
Publicly traded equity securities	45	21	12	54
Equity investments in privately-held companies	72	—	—	72
Total short-term and long-term investments	<u>\$ 1,675</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 1,693</u>
Total Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments	<u>\$ 3,204</u>	<u>\$ 31</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 3,222</u>

* Includes agency and corporate debt securities guaranteed by non-U.S. governments, which consist of Canada, Germany and Australia.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)
October 30, 2011

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Cash	\$ 297	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 297
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	5,663	—	—	5,663
Total Cash equivalents	5,663	—	—	5,663
Total Cash and Cash equivalents	<u>\$ 5,960</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 5,960</u>
Short-term and long-term investments:				
U.S. Treasury and agency securities	\$ 184	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 185
Non-U.S. government securities	40	—	—	40
Municipal securities	371	2	—	373
Commercial paper, corporate bonds and medium-term notes	216	3	1	218
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	307	3	1	309
Total fixed income securities	1,118	9	2	1,125
Publicly traded equity securities	8	19	—	27
Equity investments in privately-held companies	62	—	—	62
Total short-term and long-term investments	<u>\$ 1,188</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 1,214</u>
Total Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments	<u>\$ 7,148</u>	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 7,174</u>

Maturities of Investments

The following table summarizes the contractual maturities of Applied's investments at July 29, 2012:

	Cost	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)	
Due in one year or less	\$ 600	\$ 600
Due after one through five years	652	658
Due after five years	1	1
No single maturity date**	422	434
	<u>\$ 1,675</u>	<u>\$ 1,693</u>

** Securities with no single maturity date include publicly-traded and privately-held equity securities, and asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Gains and Losses on Investments

Gross realized gains and losses on sales of investments during the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Gross realized gains	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 14
Gross realized losses	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2

At July 29, 2012, Applied had a gross unrealized loss of \$1 million due to a decrease in the fair value of certain fixed income securities. Applied regularly reviews its investment portfolio to identify and evaluate investments that have indications of possible impairment. Factors considered in determining whether an unrealized loss was considered to be temporary, or other-than-temporary and therefore impaired, include: the length of time and extent to which fair value has been lower than the cost basis; the financial condition, credit quality and near-term prospects of the investee; and whether it is more likely than not that Applied will be required to sell the security prior to recovery. Generally, the contractual terms of investments in marketable securities do not permit settlement at prices less than the amortized cost of the investments. Applied determined that the gross unrealized losses on its marketable securities at July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were temporary in nature and therefore it did not recognize any impairment of its marketable securities for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011. During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, Applied determined that certain of its equity investments held in privately-held companies were other-than-temporarily impaired and, accordingly, recognized impairment charges of \$3 million. Applied did not recognize any impairment on its equity investments in privately-held companies for the three months ended July 29, 2012 or for three and nine months ended July 31, 2011.

The following table provides the fair market value of Applied's investments with unrealized losses that were not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of July 29, 2012.

	In Loss Position for Less Than 12 Months		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(In millions)			
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	\$ 42	\$ 1	\$ 42	\$ 1
Publicly traded equity securities	14	12	14	12
Total	\$ 56	\$ 13	\$ 56	\$ 13

The following table provides the fair market value of Applied's investments with unrealized losses that were not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of October 30, 2011.

	In Loss Position for Less Than 12 Months		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(In millions)			
Commercial paper, corporate bonds and medium-term notes	\$ 32	\$ 1	\$ 32	\$ 1
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	77	1	77	1
Total	\$ 109	\$ 2	\$ 109	\$ 2

Unrealized gains and temporary losses on investments classified as available-for-sale are included within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of any related tax effect. Upon realization, those amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to results of operations.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Note 4 Fair Value Measurements

Applied's financial assets are measured and recorded at fair value, except for equity investments held in privately-held companies. These equity investments are generally accounted for under the cost method of accounting and are periodically assessed for other-than-temporary impairment when events or circumstances indicate that an other-than-temporary decline in value may have occurred. Applied's nonfinancial assets, such as goodwill, intangible assets, and property, plant and equipment, are recorded at cost and are assessed for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that an other-than-temporary decline in value may have occurred.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Applied uses the following fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement:

- Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Applied's investments are comprised primarily of debt securities that are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at their fair values. In determining the fair value of investments, Applied uses pricing information from pricing services that value securities based on quoted market prices and models that utilize observable market inputs. In the event a fair value estimate is unavailable from a pricing service, Applied generally obtains non-binding price quotes from brokers. Applied then reviews the information provided by the pricing services or brokers to determine the fair value of its short-term and long-term investments. In addition, to validate pricing information obtained from pricing services, Applied periodically performs supplemental analysis on a sample of securities. Applied reviews any significant unanticipated differences identified through this analysis to determine the appropriate fair value.

Investments with remaining effective maturities of 12 months or less from the balance sheet date are classified as short-term investments. Investments with remaining effective maturities of more than 12 months from the balance sheet date are classified as long-term investments. As of July 29, 2012, substantially all of Applied's available-for-sale, short-term and long-term investments were recognized at fair value that was determined based upon observable inputs.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Financial assets and liabilities (excluding cash balances) measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below as of July 29, 2012 and October 30, 2011:

	July 29, 2012			October 30, 2011		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total
(In millions)						
Assets:						
Money market funds	\$ 758	\$ —	\$ 758	\$ 5,663	\$ —	\$ 5,663
U.S. Treasury and agency securities	123	277	400	109	76	185
Non-U.S. government securities	—	55	55	—	40	40
Municipal securities	—	407	407	—	373	373
Commercial paper, corporate bonds and medium-term notes	—	434	434	—	218	218
Asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities	—	308	308	—	309	309
Publicly traded equity securities	54	—	54	27	—	27
Total	\$ 935	\$ 1,481	\$ 2,416	\$ 5,799	\$ 1,016	\$ 6,815
Liabilities:						
Deferred compensation	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

The deferred compensation liability represents our obligation to pay benefits under a non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The related investments, held in a rabbi trust, consist of equity securities, primarily mutual funds, and are classified as Level 1 in the valuation hierarchy.

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements during either the three or nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011. Applied did not have any financial assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis within Level 3 fair value measurements as of July 29, 2012 or October 30, 2011.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis

Equity investments in privately-held companies are generally accounted for under the cost method of accounting and are periodically assessed for other-than-temporary impairment when an event or circumstance indicates that an other-than-temporary decline in value may have occurred. If Applied determines that an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred, the investment will be written down to its estimated fair value based on available information, such as pricing in recent rounds of financing, current cash positions, earnings and cash flow forecasts, recent operational performance and any other readily available market data. Equity investments in privately-held companies totaled \$72 million at July 29, 2012, of which \$55 million of investments were accounted for under the cost method of accounting and \$17 million of Level 3 investments had been measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis due to an other-than-temporary decline in value. At October 30, 2011, equity investments in privately-held companies totaled \$62 million, of which \$40 million of investments were accounted for under the cost method of accounting and \$22 million of Level 3 investments had been measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis due to an other-than-temporary decline in value. During the three months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, there were no transfers in and out of Level 3 equity investments in privately held companies. During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, Level 3 equity investments in privately-held companies of \$5 million were transferred to Level 1 assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis due to change in investee structure which improved price transparency. During the nine months ended July 31, 2011, there were no transfers in and out of Level 3 equity investments in privately held companies.

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During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, Applied determined that certain of its equity investments held in privately held companies were other-than-temporarily impaired and, accordingly, recognized impairment charges of \$3 million. Applied did not recognize any impairment on its equity method investments in privately-held companies for the three months ended July 29, 2012 and for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2011.

Other

The carrying amounts of Applied's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, notes payable, and accounts payable and accrued expenses, approximate fair value due to the short maturities of these financial instruments. At July 29, 2012, the carrying amount of long-term debt was \$1.9 billion and the estimated fair value was \$2.3 billion. The estimated fair value of long-term debt is determined by Level 2 inputs and is based on quoted market prices for the same or similar issues.

Note 5 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*Derivative Financial Instruments*

Applied conducts business in a number of foreign countries, with certain transactions denominated in local currencies, such as Japanese yen, euro, Israeli shekel, Taiwanese dollar and Swiss franc. Applied uses derivative financial instruments, such as forward exchange contracts and currency option contracts, to hedge certain forecasted foreign currency denominated transactions expected to occur typically within the next 24 months. The purpose of Applied's foreign currency management is to mitigate the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on certain foreign currency denominated revenues, costs and eventual cash flows. The terms of currency instruments used for hedging purposes are generally consistent with the timing of the transactions being hedged. Applied does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Derivative instruments and hedging activities, including foreign currency exchange contracts, are recognized on the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that do not qualify for hedge treatment, as well as the ineffective portion of any hedges, are recognized currently in earnings. All of Applied's derivative financial instruments are recorded at their fair value in other current assets or in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Hedges related to anticipated transactions are designated and documented at the inception of the hedge as cash flow hedges and are typically entered into once per month. Cash flow hedges are evaluated for effectiveness quarterly. The effective portion of the gain or loss on these hedges is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss (AOCI) in stockholders' equity and is reclassified into earnings when the hedged transaction affects earnings. The majority of the after-tax net income or loss related to derivative instruments included in AOCI at July 29, 2012 is expected to be reclassified into earnings within 12 months. Changes in the fair value of currency forward exchange and option contracts due to changes in time value are excluded from the assessment of effectiveness. Both ineffective hedge amounts and hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized promptly in earnings. If the transaction being hedged is no longer probable to occur, or if a portion of any derivative is deemed to be ineffective, Applied promptly recognizes the gain or loss on the associated financial instrument in selling, general and administrative expenses. The amount recognized due to discontinuance of cash flow hedges that were probable not to occur by the end of the originally specified time period was not significant for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011.

Additionally, forward exchange contracts are generally used to hedge certain foreign currency denominated assets or liabilities. These derivatives are typically entered into once per month and are not designated for hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of these hedges are recorded promptly in earnings to offset the changes in the fair value of the assets or liabilities being hedged.

The fair values of derivative instruments at July 29, 2012 and October 30, 2011 were not material.

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The effect of derivative instruments on the Consolidated Condensed Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 was as follows:

Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Three Months Ended July 29, 2012			Three Months Ended July 31, 2011			
	Effective Portion		Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Effective Portion		Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	
	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in AOCI	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in AOCI	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income	
(In millions)							
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships							
Foreign exchange contracts	Cost of products sold	\$ (8)	\$ —	\$ (1)	\$ (7)	\$ 1	\$ (2)
Foreign exchange contracts	General and administrative	—	(2)	—	—	2	—
Total		\$ (8)	\$ (2)	\$ (1)	\$ (7)	\$ 3	\$ (2)

Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Nine Months Ended July 29, 2012			Nine Months Ended July 31, 2011			
	Effective Portion		Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Effective Portion		Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	
	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in AOCI	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in AOCI	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income	
(In millions)							
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships							
Foreign exchange contracts	Cost of products sold	\$ (3)	\$ 5	\$ (1)	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ (5)
Foreign exchange contracts	General and administrative	—	(3)	(1)	—	5	(1)
Total		\$ (3)	\$ 2	\$ (2)	\$ 5	\$ 11	\$ (6)

Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income				
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions)					
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments					
Foreign exchange contracts	General and administrative	\$ (11)	\$ (5)	\$ 3	\$ (2)
Total		\$ (11)	\$ (5)	\$ 3	\$ (2)

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Credit Risk Contingent Features

If Applied's credit rating were to fall below investment grade, it would be in violation of credit risk contingent provisions of the derivative instruments discussed above, and certain counterparties to the derivative instruments could request immediate payment on derivative instruments in net liability positions. The aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with credit risk-related contingent features that were in a net liability position was immaterial as of July 29, 2012.

Entering into foreign exchange contracts with banks exposes Applied to credit-related losses in the event of the banks' nonperformance. However, Applied's exposure is not considered significant.

Note 6 Accounts Receivable, Net

Applied has agreements with various financial institutions to sell accounts receivable and discount promissory notes from selected customers. Applied also discounts letters of credit through various financial institutions. Applied sells its accounts receivable without recourse. Details of discounted letters of credit, factored accounts receivable and discounted promissory notes for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Discounted letters of credit	\$ —	\$ 38	\$ —	\$ 211
Factored accounts receivable and discounted promissory notes	—	25	70	80
Total	\$ —	\$ 63	\$ 70	\$ 291

Financing charges on the sale of receivables and discounting of letters of credit are included in interest expense in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations and were not material for both periods presented.

Accounts receivable are presented net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$82 million at July 29, 2012 and \$73 million at October 30, 2011. Applied sells principally to manufacturers within the semiconductor, display and solar industries. As a result of challenging economic and industry conditions, certain of these manufacturers may experience difficulties in meeting their obligations in a timely manner. While Applied believes that its allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate and represents Applied's best estimate as of July 29, 2012, Applied will continue to closely monitor customer liquidity and other economic conditions, which may result in changes to Applied's estimates regarding collectability.

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Note 7 Balance Sheet Detail

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
(In millions)		
Inventories		
Customer service spares	\$ 318	\$ 328
Raw materials	302	407
Work-in-process	301	336
Finished goods*	459	630
	<u>\$ 1,380</u>	<u>\$ 1,701</u>

* Included in finished goods inventory is \$88 million at July 29, 2012, and \$224 million at October 30, 2011, of newly-introduced systems at customer locations where the sales transaction did not meet Applied's revenue recognition criteria as set forth in Note 1, Basis of Presentation. Finished goods inventory also includes \$180 million and \$140 million of evaluation inventory at July 29, 2012 and October 30, 2011, respectively.

	Useful Life	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
	(In years)	(In millions)	
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net			
Land and improvements		\$ 169	\$ 163
Buildings and improvements	3-30	1,195	1,155
Demonstration and manufacturing equipment	3-5	749	686
Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	3-15	733	722
Construction in progress		46	12
Gross property, plant and equipment		<u>2,892</u>	<u>2,738</u>
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(1,975)</u>	<u>(1,872)</u>
		<u>\$ 917</u>	<u>\$ 866</u>

During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, fixed asset impairment charges of \$11 million were recorded in relation to the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment restructuring plan, as discussed in Note 11, Restructuring Charges and Asset Impairments.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2011, Applied received \$60 million in proceeds from the sale of a property located in North America and recognized a gain of \$28 million on the transaction. Applied also completed the divestiture of certain assets held for sale for proceeds of \$27 million, net of cash sold. In the first quarter of fiscal 2011, Applied received \$39 million in proceeds from the sale of a property located in North America and incurred a loss of \$1 million on the transaction.

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	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
(In millions)		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		
Accounts payable	\$ 443	\$ 484
Compensation and employee benefits	396	455
Warranty	137	168
Dividends payable	111	104
Other accrued taxes	49	81
Interest payable	14	31
Restructuring reserve	26	11
Other	234	186
	<u>\$ 1,410</u>	<u>\$ 1,520</u>

As of July 29, 2012, other accrued expenses included a \$13 million acquisition obligation for untendered Varian shares.

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
(In millions)		
Customer Deposits and Deferred Revenue		
Customer deposits	\$ 229	\$ 249
Deferred revenue	708	867
	<u>\$ 937</u>	<u>\$ 1,116</u>

Applied typically receives deposits on future deliverables from customers in its Energy and Environmental Solutions and Display segments. In certain instances, customer deposits may be received from customers in the Applied Global Services segment.

Note 8 Business Combination

On November 10, 2011, Applied completed the acquisition of Varian, a public company manufacturer of semiconductor processing equipment and the leading supplier of ion implantation equipment used by chip makers around the world, for an aggregate purchase price of \$4.2 billion in cash, net of cash acquired and assumed earned equity awards of \$27 million, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) dated as of May 3, 2011. Applied's primary reasons for this acquisition were to complement existing product offerings and to provide opportunities for future growth. Varian designs, markets, manufactures and services ion implantation systems. These systems are primarily used in the manufacture of transistors, which are a basic building block of integrated circuits (ICs) or microchips. Ion implantation systems create a beam of electrically charged particles called ions, which are implanted into transistor structures at precise locations and depths, changing the electrical properties of the semiconductor device. These implantation systems may also be used in other areas of IC manufacture for modifying the material properties of the semiconductor devices, as well as in manufacturing crystalline-silicon solar cells.

Applied allocated the purchase price of this acquisition to tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed, based on their estimated fair values. Applied recorded \$2.6 billion in goodwill, which represented the excess of the purchase price over the aggregate estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition. Of this amount, \$1.8 billion of goodwill was allocated to the Silicon Systems Group segment, and the remainder was allocated to the Applied Global Services segment. Goodwill associated with the acquisition is primarily attributable to the opportunities from the addition of Varian's product portfolio which complement Applied's Silicon Systems Group's suite of products, including providing integrated process solutions to customers. Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. A discussion of the revision made during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 to the initial preliminary purchase price allocation is included in Note 9, Goodwill, Purchased Technology and Other Intangible Assets. During the three months ended July 29, 2012, Applied completed the purchase price allocation for the Varian acquisition and no changes were made since the second quarter of fiscal 2012.

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The following table summarizes the allocation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date:

Estimated Fair Values	Acquisition 2012 (In millions)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 632
Short-term investments	56
Accounts receivable, net	194
Inventories	250
Deferred income taxes and other current assets	66
Long-term investments	62
Property and equipment, net	104
Goodwill	2,604
Purchased intangible assets	1,365
Other assets	10
Total assets acquired	5,343
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(134)
Customer deposits and deferred revenue	(52)
Income taxes payable	(60)
Deferred income taxes	(211)
Other liabilities	(25)
Total liabilities assumed	(482)
Purchase price allocated	\$ 4,861

The following table presents details of the purchase price as allocated to purchased intangible assets of Varian at the acquisition date:

	Useful Life	Purchased Intangible Assets 2012
	(In years)	(In millions)
Developed technology	1-7	\$ 987
Customer relationships	15	150
In-process technology		142
Patents and trademarks	10	69
Backlog	1	7
Covenant not to compete	2	10
Total purchased intangible assets		\$ 1,365

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The results of operations of Varian are included in Applied's consolidated results of operations, primarily in the results for the Silicon Systems Group and Applied Global Services segments, beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. For the three months ended July 29, 2012, net sales of approximately \$294 million and operating income of approximately \$14 million attributable to Varian were included in the consolidated results of operations. For the nine months ended July 29, 2012, net sales of approximately \$829 million and operating loss of approximately \$117 million attributable to Varian were included in the consolidated results of operations. For the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012, results of operations included charges of \$53 million and \$275 million, respectively, attributable to inventory fair value adjustments on products sold, amortization of purchased intangible assets, share-based compensation associated with accelerated vesting, deal costs and other integration costs associated with the acquisition. Of these amounts, deal costs and other acquisition-related costs of \$1 million and \$38 million were not allocated to the segments for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012, respectively. Deal costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in Applied's consolidated results of operations.

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations assume the acquisition was completed as of the beginning of the fiscal reporting periods presented. The pro forma consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2011 combine the results of Applied for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2011, with the results of Varian for the three and nine months ended July 1, 2011.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Net sales	\$ 2,343	\$ 3,115	\$ 7,073	\$ 9,276
Net income	\$ 227	\$ 495	\$ 730	\$ 1,453
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.10
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.09

The pro forma results above include adjustments related to the purchase price allocation and financing of the acquisition, primarily to increase depreciation and amortization with the higher values of property, plant and equipment and identifiable intangible assets, to increase interest expense for the additional debt incurred to complete the acquisition, and to reflect the related income tax effect. The pro forma results for the three and nine months ended July 31, 2011 include costs of \$4 million and \$121 million, respectively, which reduced net income due to inventory fair value adjustments on products sold, share-based compensation associated with accelerated vesting and acquisition-related costs, which are not expected to occur in future quarters. The pro forma information does not necessarily reflect the actual results of operations had the acquisition been consummated at the beginning of the fiscal reporting period indicated nor is it necessarily indicative of future operating results. The pro forma information does not include any potential revenue enhancements, cost synergies or other operating efficiencies that could result from the acquisition.

Note 9 Goodwill, Purchased Technology and Other Intangible Assets***Goodwill and Purchased Intangible Assets***

Applied's methodology for allocating the purchase price relating to purchase acquisitions is determined through established and generally accepted valuation techniques. Goodwill is measured as the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the sum of the amounts assigned to tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired less liabilities assumed. Applied assigns assets acquired (including goodwill) and liabilities assumed to one or more reporting units as of the date of acquisition. Typically, acquisitions relate to a single reporting unit and thus do not require the allocation of goodwill to multiple reporting units. If the products obtained in an acquisition are assigned to multiple reporting units, the goodwill is distributed to the respective reporting units as part of the purchase price allocation process.

Goodwill and purchased intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are reviewed for impairment annually during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill and intangible assets requires significant judgment, especially in emerging markets. Applied regularly monitors current business conditions and other factors including, but not limited to, adverse industry or economic trends, restructuring actions and lower projections of profitability that may impact future operating results.

In fiscal 2011, Applied adopted authoritative guidance which allows entities to use a qualitative approach to test goodwill for impairment. This authoritative guidance permits an entity to first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. If it is concluded that this is the case, it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. Otherwise, the two-step goodwill impairment test is not required. In the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test, Applied would compare the estimated fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value. Applied's reporting units are consistent with the reportable segments identified in Note 16, Industry Segment Operations, based on the manner in which Applied operates its business and the nature of those operations. Applied determines the fair value of each of its reporting units based on a weighting of income and market approaches. Under the income approach, Applied calculates the fair value of a reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Estimated future cash flows will be impacted by a number of factors including anticipated future operating results, estimated cost of capital and/or discount rates. Under the market approach, Applied estimates the fair value based on market multiples of revenue or earnings for comparable companies, as appropriate. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is not impaired and no further testing is performed. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, then Applied would perform the second step of the impairment test in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. Applied would then allocate the fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit, as if Applied had acquired the reporting unit in a business combination, with the fair value of the reporting unit being the "purchase price." The excess of the "purchase price" over the carrying amounts assigned to assets and liabilities represents the implied fair value of goodwill. If Applied determined that the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeded its implied fair value, Applied would record an impairment charge equal to the difference.

Applied performed a qualitative assessment to test goodwill for impairment in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, and determined that it was more likely than not that each of its reporting units' fair value exceeded its carrying value and that it was not necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. Applied tested goodwill of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit for potential impairment during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 in light of second quarter developments that included current industry trends, financial performance, weaker short-term outlooks, and other adverse operating conditions within the solar industry. The results of the first step of the impairment test indicated that goodwill of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit was not impaired.

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Applied utilized an equal weighting of both the discounted cash flow method of the income approach and the guideline company method of the market approach to estimate the fair value of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit. The results of the first step of the impairment test indicated that goodwill within the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit was not impaired, as the estimated fair value in excess of carrying value was approximately \$700 million (or 73 percent over the carrying value of the reporting unit) at April 1, 2012. The evaluation of goodwill for impairment requires the exercise of significant judgment. The estimates used in the impairment testing were consistent with the discrete forecasts that Applied uses to manage its business, and considered the significant developments that occurred during the quarter. Under the discounted cash flow method, cash flows beyond the discrete forecasts were estimated using a terminal growth rate, which considered the long-term earnings growth rate specific to the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit. The estimated future cash flows were discounted to present value using a discount rate that was the value-weighted average of the reporting unit's estimated cost of equity and debt derived using both known and estimated market metrics, and was adjusted to reflect risk factors that considered both the timing and risks associated with the estimated cash flows. The tax rate used in the discounted cash flow method reflected the international structure currently in place, which is consistent with the market participant perspective. Under the guideline company method, market multiples were applied to forecasted revenues and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. The market multiples used were consistent with the median multiples based on comparable publicly-traded companies. While there are inherent uncertainties related to the significant assumptions used and management's application of these assumptions in conducting the goodwill impairment analysis, Applied believes that the assumptions used provide a reasonable estimate of the fair value of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit. As discussed in Note 11, Restructuring Charges and Asset Impairments, on May 10, 2012, Applied announced a plan to restructure the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. The restructuring did not have a significant impact on the fair value of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit.

Applied also tested goodwill of the Display reporting unit for potential impairment during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 in light of second quarter developments that included current industry trends, the Display reporting unit's financial performance and short-term outlook. The results of the first step of the impairment test indicated that goodwill of the Display reporting unit was not impaired and that the estimated fair value of the reporting unit was more than 100 percent over the carrying value of the reporting unit.

Although the business conditions in the industries in which the Display and Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting units operate remain weak, Applied is not aware of changes in the industries that would significantly impact the last impairment test performed in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. In the event of future changes in business conditions, Applied will be required to reassess and update its forecasts and estimates used in future impairment analyses. If the results of these analyses are lower than current estimates, a material impairment charge may result at that time.

During the first nine months of fiscal 2012, goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets increased by \$2.7 billion due to the acquisition of Varian as discussed in Note 8, Business Combination. Of this amount, an adjustment of \$64 million to increase goodwill was recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 related to the changes in net assets acquired from the Varian acquisition during the measurement period as Applied obtained the necessary information to compute the U.S. tax liability on undistributed earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries as of the acquisition date. Of the total adjustment in the second quarter of fiscal 2012, \$44 million was allocated to the Silicon Systems Group segment and the remainder was allocated to the Applied Global Services segment.

A summary of Applied's purchased technology and intangible assets follows:

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
	(In millions)	
Purchased technology, net	\$ 988	\$ 127
Intangible assets - finite-lived, net	280	84
Intangible assets - indefinite-lived	142	—
Total	\$ 1,410	\$ 211

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Details of indefinite-lived intangible assets were as follows:

	July 29, 2012			October 30, 2011		
	Goodwill	Other Intangible Assets	Total	Goodwill	Other Intangible Assets	Total
	(In millions)					
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 2,151	\$ 142	\$ 2,293	\$ 381	\$ —	\$ 381
Applied Global Services	1,027	—	1,027	193	—	193
Display	116	—	116	116	—	116
Energy and Environmental Solutions	645	—	645	645	—	645
Carrying amount	<u>\$ 3,939</u>	<u>\$ 142</u>	<u>\$ 4,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,335</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,335</u>

Other intangible assets that are not subject to amortization consist primarily of in-process technology, which will be subject to amortization upon commercialization. The fair value assigned to in-process technology was determined using the income approach based on estimates and judgments regarding risks inherent in the development process, including the likelihood of achieving technological success and market acceptance. If an in-process technology project is abandoned, the acquired technology attributable to the project will be written-off.

Finite-Lived Purchased Intangible Assets

Applied amortizes purchased intangible assets with finite lives using the straight-line method over the estimated economic lives of the assets, ranging from 1 to 15 years.

Applied evaluates long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset group may not be recoverable. Applied assesses the fair value of the assets based on the amount of the undiscounted future cash flow that the assets are expected to generate and recognizes an impairment loss when estimated undiscounted future cash flow expected to result from the use of the asset, plus net proceeds expected from disposition of the asset, if any, are less than the carrying value of the asset. When Applied identifies an impairment, Applied reduces the carrying value of the group of assets to comparable market values, when available and appropriate, or to its estimated fair value based on a discounted cash flow approach.

Intangible assets, such as purchased technology, are generally recorded in connection with a business acquisition. The value assigned to intangible assets is usually based on estimates and judgments regarding expectations for the success and life cycle of products and technology acquired. Applied evaluates the useful lives of its intangible assets each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances require revising the remaining period of amortization. In addition, Applied reviews intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate their carrying value may not be recoverable. Management considers such indicators as significant differences in actual product acceptance from the estimates, changes in the competitive and economic environment, technological advances, and changes in cost structure.

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Details of finite-lived intangible assets were as follows:

	July 29, 2012			October 30, 2011		
	Purchased Technology	Other Intangible Assets	Total	Purchased Technology	Other Intangible Assets	Total
(In millions)						
Gross carrying amount:						
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 1,300	\$ 252	\$ 1,552	\$ 310	\$ 20	\$ 330
Applied Global Services	28	44	72	28	40	68
Display	110	33	143	110	33	143
Energy and Environmental Solutions	105	232	337	105	232	337
Gross carrying amount	\$ 1,543	\$ 561	\$ 2,104	\$ 553	\$ 325	\$ 878
Accumulated amortization:						
Silicon Systems Group	\$ (373)	\$ (29)	\$ (402)	\$ (256)	\$ (8)	\$ (264)
Applied Global Services	(21)	(38)	(59)	(20)	(31)	(51)
Display	(105)	(27)	(132)	(102)	(25)	(127)
Energy and Environmental Solutions	(56)	(187)	(243)	(48)	(177)	(225)
Accumulated amortization	\$ (555)	\$ (281)	\$ (836)	\$ (426)	\$ (241)	\$ (667)
Carrying amount	\$ 988	\$ 280	\$ 1,268	\$ 127	\$ 84	\$ 211

During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, the change in gross carrying amount of the amortized intangible assets was approximately \$1.2 billion due to the acquisition of Varian as discussed in Note 8, Business Combination.

Details of amortization expense were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
(In millions)				
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 45	\$ 3	\$ 138	\$ 10
Applied Global Services	1	2	8	6
Display	2	2	5	6
Energy and Environmental Solutions	6	6	19	18
Total	\$ 54	\$ 13	\$ 170	\$ 40

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For the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, amortization expense was charged to the following categories:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Cost of products sold	\$ 44	\$ 9	\$ 141	\$ 27
Research, development and engineering	—	—	1	—
Selling, general and administrative	10	4	28	13
Total amortization expense	\$ 54	\$ 13	\$ 170	\$ 40

As of July 29, 2012, future estimated amortization expense is expected to be as follows:

	Amortization Expense	
	(In millions)	
2012	\$	54
2013		209
2014		198
2015		184
2016		175
Thereafter		448
	\$	1,268

Note 10 Borrowing Facilities and Long-Term Debt

Applied has credit facilities for unsecured borrowings in various currencies of up to \$1.6 billion, of which \$1.5 billion is comprised of a committed revolving credit agreement with a group of banks that was extended by one year in May 2012 and is scheduled to expire in May 2016. This agreement provides for borrowings in United States dollars at interest rates keyed to one of the two rates selected by Applied for each advance and includes financial and other covenants with which Applied was in compliance at July 29, 2012. Remaining credit facilities in the amount of approximately \$103 million are with Japanese banks. Applied's ability to borrow under these facilities is subject to bank approval at the time of the borrowing request, and any advances will be at rates indexed to the banks' prime reference rate denominated in Japanese yen. No amounts were outstanding under any of the credit facilities at July 29, 2012 or October 30, 2011 and Applied has not received any advances from these credit facilities.

Long-term debt outstanding was as follows:

	Principal Amount		Effective Interest Rate	Interest Payment Dates
	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011		
	(In millions)			
2.650% Senior Notes Due 2016	\$ 400	\$ 400	2.666%	June 15, December 15
7.125% Senior Notes Due 2017	200	200	7.190%	April 15, October 15
4.300% Senior Notes Due 2021	750	750	4.326%	June 15, December 15
5.850% Senior Notes Due 2041	600	600	5.879%	June 15, December 15
Other debt	—	1		
	1,950	1,951		
Total unamortized discount	(4)	(4)		
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,946	\$ 1,947		

Applied has debt agreements that contain financial and other covenants. These covenants require Applied to maintain certain minimum financial ratios. At July 29, 2012, Applied was in compliance with all such covenants.

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Note 11 Restructuring Charges and Asset Impairments

Applied records restructuring charges and asset impairments associated with management-approved restructuring plans to either reorganize one or more of Applied's business segments, or to remove duplicative headcount or infrastructure associated with business acquisitions.

On May 10, 2012, Applied announced a plan to restructure its Energy and Environmental Solutions segment in light of challenging industry conditions affecting the solar photovoltaic and light-emitting diode (LED) equipment markets. As part of the EES Restructuring Plan, Applied expects to relocate manufacturing, business operations and customer support functions of its precision wafering systems business and cease LED development activities. The EES Restructuring Plan also impacts certain LED support activities in the Applied Global Services segment. The total estimated pre-tax cost of implementing this plan is expected to be in the range of approximately \$70 million to \$100 million, which will be incurred over a period of 12 to 18 months beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, and will be reported primarily in the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. This estimate consists of: (i) up to \$30 million in fixed asset impairment charges; (ii) up to \$15 million of inventory-related charges; (iii) up to \$15 million in charges arising from lease terminations and other obligations, and (iv) up to \$40 million in severance and other employee-related costs. The EES Restructuring Plan will impact up to approximately 250 positions globally.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, Applied recognized \$9 million of severance and other employee-related costs in connection with the integration of Varian. These costs were reported in the Silicon Systems Group and Applied Global Services segments.

The following table summarizes the major components of restructuring charges and asset impairments:

	Three and Nine Months Ended July 29, 2012	
	(In millions)	
<i>EES Restructuring Plan</i>		
Severance and other employee-related costs	\$	24
Asset impairments		11
<i>Varian Integration</i>		
Severance and other employee-related costs		9
Total	\$	44

In addition to the above, inventory-related charges of \$13 million related to the EES Restructuring Plan were recorded in cost of products sold during the three months ended July 29, 2012 and reported in the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment.

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Restructuring charges and asset impairments by segment were as follows:

	Three and Nine Months Ended July 29, 2012	
	(In millions)	
Silicon Systems Group	\$	1
Applied Global Services		11
Energy and Environmental Solutions		32
Total	\$	44

Changes in restructuring reserves related to the restructuring plans described above for the three months ended July 29, 2012 were as follows:

	Severance and other employee-related costs	
	(In millions)	
Balance, April 29, 2012	\$	—
Provision for restructuring		33
Consumption of reserves		(6)
Foreign exchange		(1)
Balance, July 29, 2012	\$	26

Certain severance and other employee-related costs have not been recognized as these costs are subject to negotiations with employees and employee representative bodies, and, as such, are not currently estimable.

Results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included favorable adjustments of \$36 million related to a restructuring plan announced on July 21, 2010, \$19 million related to a restructuring plan announced on November 11, 2009, and \$5 million related to a restructuring plan announced on November 12, 2008, partially offset by asset impairment charges of \$30 million primarily related to certain fixed and intangible assets.

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Note 12 Stockholders' Equity, Comprehensive Income and Share-Based Compensation**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income**

Components of accumulated other comprehensive income, on an after-tax basis where applicable, were as follows:

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
	(In millions)	
Pension liability	\$ (25)	\$ (25)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	11	17
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(4)	—
Cumulative translation adjustments	13	14
	<u>\$ (5)</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>

Stock Repurchase Program

On March 5, 2012, Applied's Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program authorizing up to \$3.0 billion in repurchases over the next three years ending in March 2015. Under this authorization, Applied purchases shares of its common stock under a systematic stock repurchase program and may also make supplemental stock repurchases from time to time, depending on market conditions, stock price and other factors. Applied's stock repurchase program authorized on March 8, 2010 was terminated concurrent with the start of the new repurchase program.

The following table summarizes Applied's stock repurchases for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Shares of common stock repurchased	47	2	81	20
Cost of stock repurchased	\$ 500	\$ 25	\$ 900	\$ 293
Average price paid per share	\$ 10.71	\$ 12.77	\$ 11.09	\$ 14.31

Dividends

The following table summarizes the dividends declared during fiscal 2012:

<u>Date Declared</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payable Date</u>	<u>Amount per Share</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount (In millions)</u>
December 6, 2011	February 23, 2012	March 15, 2012	\$0.08	\$103
March 5, 2012	May 24, 2012	June 14, 2012	\$0.09	\$115
June 12, 2012	August 23, 2012	September 13, 2012	\$0.09	\$111

Unpaid dividends were estimated based on the number of outstanding shares at the end of the fiscal quarter prior to the applicable record date.

Applied currently anticipates that it will continue to pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis in the future, although the declaration and amount of any future cash dividend are at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend on Applied's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, business conditions and other factors, as well as a determination that cash dividends are in the best interest of Applied and its stockholders.

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Share-Based Compensation

Applied has adopted stock plans that permit grants to employees of share-based awards, including stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares and performance units. In addition, the Employee Stock Incentive Plan provides for the automatic grant of restricted stock units to non-employee directors and permits the grant of share-based awards to non-employee directors and consultants. Applied also has two Employee Stock Purchase Plans, one for United States employees and a second for international employees (collectively, ESPP), which enable eligible employees to purchase Applied common stock.

During the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, Applied recognized share-based compensation expense related to stock options, ESPP shares, restricted stock units, restricted stock, performance shares and performance units. Total share-based compensation and related tax benefits were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Share-based compensation	\$ 42	\$ 38	\$ 138	\$ 110
Tax benefit recognized	\$ 12	\$ 11	\$ 39	\$ 33

The effect of share-based compensation on the results of operations for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Cost of products sold	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 40	\$ 36
Research, development, and engineering	14	12	40	35
Selling, general and administrative	15	13	58	39
Total share-based compensation	\$ 42	\$ 38	\$ 138	\$ 110

The cost associated with share-based awards that are subject solely to time-based vesting requirements, less expected forfeitures, is recognized over the awards' service period for the entire award on a straight-line basis. The cost associated with performance-based equity awards is recognized for each tranche over the service period, based on an assessment of the likelihood that the applicable performance goals will be achieved.

At July 29, 2012, Applied had \$286 million in total unrecognized compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, related to grants of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock, performance units, performance shares and shares issued under Applied's ESPP, which will be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.6 years. On March 6, 2012, Applied's stockholders approved the amended and restated Employee Stock Incentive Plan, which included an increase of 125 million shares of Applied common stock available for issuance under the plan and other amendments to the plan. Also, upon approval of the amended and restated plan, the 2000 Global Equity Incentive Plan, which had approximately 76 million shares available for issuance, became unavailable for any future grants. At July 29, 2012, there were 194 million shares available for grants of stock options, restricted stock units, restricted stock, performance units, performance shares and other share-based awards under the Employee Stock Incentive Plan, and an additional 51 million shares available for issuance under the ESPP.

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Stock Options

Applied grants options to purchase, at future dates, shares of its common stock to employees and consultants. The exercise price of each stock option equals the fair market value of Applied common stock on the date of grant. Options typically vest over three to four years, subject to the grantee's continued service with Applied through the scheduled vesting date, and expire no later than seven years from the grant date. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. This model was developed for use in estimating the value of publicly traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. Applied's employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of publicly traded options. There were no stock options granted in the nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011.

Stock option activity for the nine months ended July 29, 2012 was as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
	(In millions, except per share amounts)	
Outstanding at October 30, 2011	30	\$ 13.05
Assumed in Varian acquisition	5	\$ 4.85
Exercised	(3)	\$ 7.01
Canceled and forfeited	(9)	\$ 16.70
Outstanding at July 29, 2012	23	\$ 10.73
Exercisable at July 29, 2012	22	\$ 11.00

Restricted Stock Units, Restricted Stock, Performance Shares and Performance Units

Restricted stock units are converted into shares of Applied common stock upon vesting on a one-for-one basis. Restricted stock has the same rights as other issued and outstanding shares of Applied common stock except these shares have no right to dividends and are held in escrow until the award vests. Performance shares and performance units are awards that result in a payment to a grantee in shares of Applied common stock on a one-for-one basis if performance goals and/or other vesting criteria established by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of Applied's Board of Directors (the Committee) are achieved or the awards otherwise vest. Restricted stock units, restricted stock, performance shares and performance units typically vest over four years and vesting usually is subject to the grantee's continued service with Applied and, in some cases, achievement of specified performance goals. The compensation expense related to the service-based awards is determined using the fair market value of Applied common stock on the date of the grant, and the compensation expense is recognized over the vesting period.

Restricted stock units, restricted stock, performance shares and performance units granted to certain executive officers and other key employees are also subject to the achievement of specified performance goals (performance-based awards). These performance-based awards become eligible to vest only if performance goals are achieved and then actually will vest only if the grantee remains employed by Applied through each applicable vesting date.

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For performance-based awards granted during fiscal 2011 and 2010, the performance goals require (i) the achievement of targeted annual, adjusted operating profit margin levels compared to Applied's peer companies in at least one of the four fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year of the grant, and (ii) that Applied's annual adjusted operating profit margin is positive in such year. An award that has become eligible for time-based vesting based on achievement of the performance goals will vest over approximately four years from the date of grant, provided that the grantee remains employed by Applied through each scheduled vesting date. Performance-based awards that do not become eligible for time-based vesting in a particular year may become eligible for time-based vesting in subsequent years up until the fourth fiscal year after grant, after which they are forfeited if the required performance goals have not been achieved.

During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, the Committee granted performance-based awards that require the achievement of positive and relative adjusted operating profit margin goals in a manner generally similar to the previously granted performance-based awards. For the fiscal 2012 awards, additional shares become eligible for time-based vesting depending on certain levels of achievement of Applied's total shareholder return (TSR) relative to a peer group comprised of companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 Information Technology Index measured at the end of a two-year period. The fair value of these performance-based awards is estimated on the date of the grant and assumes that the specified performance goals will be achieved. If the goals are achieved, these awards vest over a specified remaining service period of generally three or four years, provided that the grantee remain employed by Applied through each scheduled vesting date. If the performance goals are not met, no compensation expense is recognized and any previously recognized compensation expense is reversed. The expected cost of each award is reflected over the service period and is reduced for estimated forfeitures.

As of July 29, 2012, 100 percent of the performance-based awards granted in fiscal 2011 had been earned based on performance and became subject to the additional time-based vesting requirements. As of July 29, 2012, 82 percent of the performance-based awards granted in fiscal 2010 had been earned based on performance and became subject to the additional time-based vesting requirements. The remaining 18 percent of the awards may still be earned, depending on future performance in one or both of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

Restricted stock unit, restricted stock, performance share and performance unit activity for the nine months ended July 29, 2012 was as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Non-vested restricted stock units, restricted stock and performance units at October 30, 2011	28	\$ 12.64	2.8 Years
Granted	19	\$ 10.61	
Vested	(8)	\$ 12.91	
Canceled	(2)	\$ 12.56	
Non-vested restricted stock units, restricted stock and performance units at July 29, 2012	37	\$ 11.54	2.8 Years

At July 29, 2012, 2 million additional performance-based awards could be earned upon certain levels of achievement of Applied's TSR relative to a peer group at a future date.

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Employee Stock Purchase Plans

Under the ESPP, substantially all employees may purchase Applied common stock through payroll deductions at a price equal to 85 percent of the lower of the fair market value of Applied common stock at the beginning or end of each 6-month purchase period, subject to certain limits. Based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the weighted average estimated fair value of purchase rights under the ESPP was \$2.89 and \$3.61 for the nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, respectively. The number of shares issued under the ESPP during each of the nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 was 3 million. Compensation expense associated with the ESPP is calculated using the fair value of the employees' purchase rights under the Black-Scholes model. Underlying assumptions used in the model are outlined in the following table:

	Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
ESPP:		
Dividend yield	2.94%	1.98%
Expected volatility	33%	27%
Risk-free interest rate	0.12%	0.17%
Expected life (in years)	0.5	0.5

Note 13 Employee Benefit Plans

Applied sponsors a number of employee benefit plans, including defined benefit plans of certain foreign subsidiaries, and a plan that provides certain medical and vision benefits to eligible retirees. A summary of the components of net periodic benefit costs of these defined and postretirement benefit plans for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Service cost	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 12	\$ 11
Interest cost	4	3	11	10
Expected return on plan assets	(2)	(3)	(8)	(8)
Amortization of actuarial loss	—	1	1	2
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>

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Note 14 Income Taxes

Applied's effective income tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 was a provision of 27.8 percent and 28.8 percent, respectively. Applied's effective income tax rate for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 was a provision of 26.4 percent and 27.7 percent, respectively. The rates for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 were both lower than the rates for the comparable periods in the prior year primarily due to changes in the composition of income in jurisdictions outside the U.S. with tax incentives. Applied's future effective income tax rate depends on various factors, such as tax legislation and the geographic composition of Applied's pre-tax income. Management carefully monitors these factors and timely adjusts the interim effective income tax rate accordingly.

Applied's tax returns remain subject to examination by taxing authorities for fiscal 2005 and later years.

The timing of the resolution of income tax examinations, as well as the amounts and timing of various tax payments that may be made as part of the resolution process, is highly uncertain and could cause an impact to Applied's consolidated results of operations. This could also cause large fluctuations in the balance sheet classification of current assets and non-current assets and liabilities. Applied expects that unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by \$9 million in the next 12 months. At July 29, 2012, non-current deferred taxes and income taxes payable increased \$282 million from October 30, 2011. The increase was principally attributable to the Varian acquisition.

Note 15 Warranty, Guarantees and Contingencies**Warranty**

Changes in the warranty reserves during the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Beginning balance	\$ 152	\$ 184	\$ 168	\$ 155
Provisions for warranty	25	43	87	142
Consumption	(40)	(39)	(118)	(109)
Ending balance	\$ 137	\$ 188	\$ 137	\$ 188

Applied products are generally sold with a 12-month warranty period following installation. The provision for the estimated cost of warranty is recorded when revenue is recognized. Parts and labor are covered under the terms of the warranty agreement. The warranty provision is based on historical experience by product, configuration and geographic region. Quarterly warranty consumption is generally associated with sales that occurred during the preceding four quarters, and quarterly warranty provisions are generally related to the current quarter's sales.

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Guarantees

In the ordinary course of business, Applied provides standby letters of credit or other guarantee instruments to third parties as required for certain transactions initiated by either Applied or its subsidiaries. As of July 29, 2012, the maximum potential amount of future payments that Applied could be required to make under these guarantee agreements was approximately \$45 million. Applied has not recorded any liability in connection with these guarantee agreements beyond that required to appropriately account for the underlying transaction being guaranteed. Applied does not believe, based on historical experience and information currently available, that it is probable that any amounts will be required to be paid under these guarantee agreements.

Applied also has agreements with various banks to facilitate subsidiary banking operations worldwide, including overdraft arrangements, issuance of bank guarantees, and letters of credit. As of July 29, 2012, Applied Materials, Inc. has provided parent guarantees to banks for approximately \$181 million to cover these services.

Legal Matters*Jusung*

Applied has been engaged in several lawsuits and patent and administrative proceedings with Jusung Engineering Co., Ltd. and/or Jusung Pacific Co., Ltd. (Jusung) in Taiwan and South Korea since 2003, and more recently in China, involving technology used in manufacturing liquid crystal displays (LCDs). Applied believes that it has meritorious claims and defenses against Jusung that it intends to pursue vigorously.

In 2004, Applied filed a complaint for patent infringement against Jusung in the Hsinchu District Court in Taiwan seeking damages and a permanent injunction for infringement of a patent related to chemical vapor deposition (CVD) equipment. Jusung filed a counterclaim against Applied. On December 31, 2010, the Hsinchu District Court dismissed both actions, and appeals by both parties remain pending at the Taiwan Intellectual Property Court. Jusung unsuccessfully sought invalidation of Applied's CVD patent in the Taiwanese Intellectual Property Office (TIPO). In September 2010, the Taipei Supreme Administrative Court dismissed Jusung's appeal of the TIPO's decision. In 2009, Jusung filed a second action with the TIPO seeking invalidation of Applied's CVD patent, which action remains pending.

In November 2009, Applied filed an action in China with the Patent Reexamination Board of the State Intellectual Property Office seeking to invalidate a Jusung patent related to separability of the transfer chamber on a CVD tool. The Patent Reexamination Board invalidated Jusung's patent in China and Jusung's appeal was dismissed by the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court. Jusung appealed this decision to the Beijing High People's Court and on June 20, 2012, the Court rejected Jusung's appeal.

Korea Criminal Proceedings

In February 2010, the Seoul Prosecutor's Office for the Eastern District of Korea (the Prosecutor's Office) indicted employees of several companies for the alleged improper receipt and use of confidential information belonging to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung), a major Applied customer based in Korea. The Prosecutor's Office did not name Applied or any of its subsidiaries as a party to the criminal action. The individuals charged included the former head of Applied Materials Korea (AMK), who at the time of the indictment was a vice president of Applied Materials, Inc., and certain other AMK employees. Hearings on these matters are ongoing in the Seoul Eastern District Court. Applied and Samsung entered into a settlement agreement effective as of November 1, 2010, to resolve potential civil claims related to this matter, which is separate from and does not affect the criminal proceedings.

From time to time, Applied receives notification from third parties, including customers and suppliers, seeking indemnification, litigation support, payment of money or other actions by Applied in connection with claims made against them. In addition, from time to time, Applied receives notification from third parties claiming that Applied may be or is infringing or misusing their intellectual property or other rights. Applied also is subject to various other legal proceedings and claims, both asserted and unasserted, that arise in the ordinary course of business.

Although the outcome of the above-described matters or these claims and proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, Applied does not believe that any of these proceedings or other claims will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

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Environmental Matters

Liabilities for future remediation costs are recorded when environmental assessments and/or remedial efforts are probable and costs can be reasonably estimated. Environmental liabilities classified as current are included in accounts payable and accrued expenses with the non-current portion included in other liabilities. Generally, the timing of these accruals is based on the completion of a feasibility study or a commitment to a formal plan of action. Environmental liabilities are based on best estimates of probable undiscounted future costs based on currently available information. Should new information become available, the liability would be adjusted.

In connection with the acquisition of Varian, Applied assumed certain environmental liabilities, including environmental investigation and remediation costs. Environmental remediation costs incurred were not material for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012. At July 29, 2012, Applied's environmental liability was \$9 million, of which \$8 million was classified as non-current and included in other liabilities. As part of accounting for the acquisition of Varian, Applied performed a review and assessment of the assumed environmental liabilities. Management believes that the liability arising from environmental-related matters is not material to Applied's consolidated financial position.

Prior to the acquisition, Varian had entered into a settlement agreement with an insurance company to pay a portion of the past and future environmental-related expenditures. Accordingly, as part of the acquisition, Applied recorded a receivable of \$2 million as of July 29, 2012, which is included in other assets.

Note 16 Industry Segment Operations

Applied's four reportable segments are: Silicon Systems Group, Applied Global Services, Display, and Energy and Environmental Solutions. Applied's chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Chief Executive Officer, who reviews operating results to make decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance for the entire company. Segment information is presented based upon Applied's management organization structure as of July 29, 2012, and the distinctive nature of each segment. Future changes to this internal financial structure may result in changes to Applied's reportable segments.

Each reportable segment is separately managed and has separate financial results that are reviewed by Applied's chief operating decision-maker. Each reportable segment contains closely related products that are unique to the particular segment. Segment operating income is determined based upon internal performance measures used by Applied's chief operating decision-maker.

Applied derives the segment results directly from its internal management reporting system. The accounting policies Applied uses to derive reportable segment results are substantially the same as those used for external reporting purposes. Management measures the performance of each reportable segment based upon several metrics including orders, net sales and operating income. Management uses these results to evaluate the performance of, and to assign resources to, each of the reportable segments. Applied does not allocate to its reportable segments certain operating expenses that it manages separately at the corporate level, which include costs related to share-based compensation; certain management, finance, legal, human resources, and research, development and engineering functions provided at the corporate level; and unabsorbed information technology and occupancy. In addition, Applied does not allocate to its reportable segments restructuring and asset impairment charges and any associated adjustments related to restructuring actions, unless these charges or adjustments pertain to a specific reportable segment. Segment operating income excludes interest income/expense and other financial charges and income taxes. Management does not consider the unallocated costs in measuring the performance of the reportable segments.

In November 2011, Applied completed its acquisition of Varian. Beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the acquired business is primarily included in the results for the Silicon Systems Group and Applied Global Services segments, with certain corporate functions included in corporate and unallocated costs.

The Silicon Systems Group segment includes semiconductor capital equipment for etch, rapid thermal processing, deposition, chemical mechanical planarization, metrology and inspection, wafer packaging, and ion implantation.

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The Applied Global Services segment includes technically differentiated products and services to improve operating efficiency, reduce operating costs and lessen the environmental impact of semiconductor, display and solar customers' factories. Applied Global Services' products consist of spares, services, certain earlier generation products, remanufactured equipment, and products that have reached a particular stage in the product lifecycle. Customer demand for these products and services is fulfilled through a global distribution system with trained service engineers located in close proximity to customer sites.

The Display segment encompasses products for manufacturing LCDs, organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), and other display technologies for TVs, personal computers, tablets, smart phones, and other consumer-oriented devices.

The Energy and Environmental Solutions segment includes products for fabricating solar photovoltaic cells and modules, high throughput roll-to-roll coating systems for flexible electronics and web products.

Net sales and operating income (loss) for each reportable segment for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	Net Sales	Operating Income (loss)	Net Sales	Operating Income (loss)
(In millions)				
July 29, 2012				
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 1,545	\$ 427	\$ 4,666	\$ 1,202
Applied Global Services	579	122	1,664	338
Display	142	10	380	23
Energy and Environmental Solutions	77	(102)	363	(188)
Total Segment	<u>\$ 2,343</u>	<u>\$ 457</u>	<u>\$ 7,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,375</u>
July 31, 2011				
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 1,398	\$ 452	\$ 4,348	\$ 1,486
Applied Global Services	603	146	1,784	322
Display	223	58	528	116
Energy and Environmental Solutions	563	123	1,676	436
Total Segment	<u>\$ 2,787</u>	<u>\$ 779</u>	<u>\$ 8,336</u>	<u>\$ 2,360</u>

Operating results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included favorable adjustments of \$36 million related to a restructuring plan announced in fiscal 2010, which was reported in the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. Operating results for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 included restructuring charges and asset impairments of \$35 million related to the restructuring program announced on May 10, 2012, of which \$32 million was reported in the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment and the remainder was reported in the Applied Global Services segment. Operating results for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 also included severance charges of \$9 million in connection with the integration of Varian, of which \$8 million was reported in the Applied Global Services segment and the remainder in the Silicon Systems Group segment.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2011, Applied negotiated the divestiture of certain assets held in the Applied Global Services segment and determined identified intangible assets and purchased technology included in assets held for sale to be impaired. Results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included impairment charges of \$24 million, which were reported in the Applied Global Services segment.

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Reconciliations of total segment operating income to Applied's consolidated operating income for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions)			
Total segment operating income	\$ 457	\$ 779	\$ 1,375	\$ 2,360
Corporate and unallocated costs	(135)	(120)	(465)	(371)
Restructuring and asset impairment benefit, net	—	—	—	21
Gain on sale of facilities, net	—	28	—	27
Income from operations	\$ 322	\$ 687	\$ 910	\$ 2,037

Corporate and unallocated costs for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 included deal costs and other acquisition-related costs related to the Varian acquisition of \$1 million and \$38 million, respectively.

The following companies accounted for at least 10 percent of Applied's net sales for the nine months ended July 29, 2012, which were for products in multiple reportable segments.

	July 29, 2012
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd .	23%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	17%

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

All statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and those made by the management of Applied, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include statements regarding Applied's future financial or operating results, cash flows and cash deployment strategies, declaration of dividends, share repurchases, expected nature and impact of restructuring activities, business strategies, projected costs, products, competitive positions, management's plans and objectives for future operations, research and development, acquisitions and joint ventures, growth opportunities, customers, working capital, liquidity, investment portfolio and policies, and legal proceedings and claims, as well as industry trends and outlooks. These forward-looking statements are based on management's estimates, projections and assumptions as of the date hereof and include the assumptions that underlie such statements. Forward-looking statements may contain words such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "would," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "potential" and "continue," the negative of these terms, or other comparable terminology. Any expectations based on these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and other important factors, including those discussed in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" below and elsewhere in this report. Other risks and uncertainties may be disclosed in Applied's prior Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings. These and many other factors could affect Applied's future financial condition and operating results and could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations based on forward-looking statements made in this document or elsewhere by Applied or on its behalf. Applied undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements.

Overview

Applied provides manufacturing equipment, services and software to the global semiconductor, flat panel display, and solar industries. Applied's customers include manufacturers of semiconductor wafers and chips, flat panel liquid crystal displays (LCDs), crystalline silicon (c-Si) solar photovoltaic cells and modules (PVs), and other electronic devices. These customers may use what they manufacture in their own end products or sell the items to other companies for use in advanced electronic components. Applied operates in four reportable segments: Silicon Systems Group, Applied Global Services, Display, and Energy and Environmental Solutions. A summary of financial information for each reportable segment is found in Note 16 of Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements. A discussion of factors that could affect Applied's operations is set forth under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of Part II of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Product development and manufacturing activities occur primarily in North America, Europe, Israel and Asia. Applied's broad range of equipment and service products are highly technical and are sold primarily through a direct sales force.

Applied's results historically have been driven primarily by worldwide demand for semiconductors, which in turn depends on end-user demand for electronic products. Each of Applied's businesses is subject to highly cyclical industry conditions, as demand for manufacturing equipment and services can change depending on supply and demand for chips, LCDs, solar PVs and other electronic devices, as well as other factors, such as global economic and market conditions, and technological advances in fabrication processes. In light of this cyclicity, Applied's results can vary significantly year over year, as well as quarter over quarter.

The first half of fiscal 2012 was characterized by strong demand for semiconductor equipment led by foundry customers while weakness continued in the display and solar industries. In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, demand for semiconductor equipment from foundry and logic customers softened as a result of a slowdown in the semiconductor industry and uncertain global economic conditions, while demand for display and solar equipment remained weak. Applied expects semiconductor equipment investments across all categories of customers to decline further in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, as fluctuations in consumer buying patterns and global macroeconomic uncertainties cause chipmakers to significantly delay their capital equipment spending until they see signs of stronger consumer demand. Applied also expects the low investment levels for display and solar equipment to continue in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 as conditions in those industries remain challenging.

Financial results for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior year reflected decreased demand for display and solar equipment, partially offset by the addition of sales attributable to Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. (Varian) and foundry customers.

Financial results for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2012 reflected a decrease in both new orders and net sales, primarily from foundry and logic customers.

The following tables present certain significant measurements for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except per share amounts and percentages)					
New orders	\$ 1,799	\$ 2,765	\$ 2,390	\$ (966)	\$ (591)
Net sales	\$ 2,343	\$ 2,541	\$ 2,787	\$ (198)	\$ (444)
Gross margin	\$ 930	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,184	\$ (81)	\$ (254)
Gross margin percent	39.7%	39.8%	42.5%	(0.1) point	(2.8) points
Operating income	\$ 322	\$ 409	\$ 687	\$ (87)	\$ (365)
Operating margin percent	13.7%	16.1%	24.7%	(2.4) points	(11.0) points
Net income	\$ 218	\$ 289	\$ 476	\$ (71)	\$ (258)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.36	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.19)
Non-GAAP Results					
Gross margin	\$ 974	\$ 1,070	\$ 1,193	\$ (96)	\$ (219)
Gross margin percent	41.6%	42.1%	42.8%	(0.5) point	(1.2) points
Operating income	\$ 431	\$ 490	\$ 683	\$ (59)	\$ (252)
Operating margin percent	18.4%	19.3%	24.5%	(0.9) point	(6.1) points
Net income	\$ 300	\$ 349	\$ 467	\$ (49)	\$ (167)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.11)

	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions, except per share amounts and percentages)			
New orders	\$ 6,572	\$ 8,547	\$ (1,975)
Net sales	\$ 7,073	\$ 8,336	\$ (1,263)
Gross margin	\$ 2,726	\$ 3,509	\$ (783)
Gross margin percent	38.5%	42.1%	(3.6) points
Operating income	\$ 910	\$ 2,037	\$ (1,127)
Operating margin percent	12.9%	24.4%	(11.5) points
Net income	\$ 624	\$ 1,471	\$ (847)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.10	\$ (0.62)
Non-GAAP Results			
Gross margin	\$ 2,935	\$ 3,536	\$ (601)
Gross margin percent	41.5%	42.4%	(0.9) point
Operating income	\$ 1,266	\$ 2,026	\$ (760)
Operating margin percent	17.9%	24.3%	(6.4) points
Net income	\$ 889	\$ 1,452	\$ (563)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.09	\$ (0.40)

Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

Fiscal years 2012 and 2011 are both 52-week years with 39 weeks in the first nine months.

In November 2011, Applied completed its acquisition of Varian. As of the beginning of the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the acquired business is included in Applied's consolidated results of operations and in results for the Silicon Systems Group and Applied Global Services segments. For the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012, net sales attributable to Varian were \$294 million and \$829 million, respectively.

Results for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 included \$44 million of restructuring and asset impairment charges, consisting of \$35 million of costs associated with the restructuring of the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment announced on May 10, 2012 and \$9 million of costs related to Varian integration activities.

Operating income in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 included \$53 million of charges attributable to the acquisition of Varian consisting of amortization of purchased intangible assets and integration costs. Of this amount, \$36 million was recorded under cost of products sold and \$17 million was included in operating expenses.

Operating income for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 included \$275 million of expenses attributable to the acquisition of Varian. Of this amount, \$183 million was recorded under cost of products sold and \$92 million was included in operating expenses. Operating expenses also included \$38 million of deal costs and other acquisition-related costs, which were not allocated to the segments. Operating income in the third quarter of fiscal 2011 included \$3 million of asset impairment charges, while the first nine months of fiscal 2011 included \$30 million of favorable adjustments to restructuring reserves, net of asset impairment charges.

Results of Operations

New Orders

New orders by geographic region, determined by the product shipment destination specified by the customer, for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Korea	\$ 299	17%	\$ 704	26%	\$ 362	15%	(58)%	(17)%
Taiwan	588	33%	810	29%	425	18%	(27)%	38%
Japan	128	7%	121	4%	372	15%	6%	(66)%
China	101	6%	118	4%	534	22%	(14)%	(81)%
Southeast Asia	91	5%	68	3%	87	4%	34%	5%
Asia Pacific	1,207	68%	1,821	66%	1,780	74%	(34)%	(32)%
North America(*)	420	23%	673	24%	356	15%	(38)%	18%
Europe	172	9%	271	10%	254	11%	(37)%	(32)%
Total	\$ 1,799	100%	\$ 2,765	100%	\$ 2,390	100%	(35)%	(25)%

(*) Primarily the United States.

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except percentages)					
Korea	\$ 1,670	25%	\$ 956	11%	75%
Taiwan	1,765	27%	1,952	23%	(10)%
Japan	416	6%	828	10%	(50)%
China	302	5%	1,855	22%	(84)%
Southeast Asia	209	3%	365	4%	(43)%
Asia Pacific	4,362	66%	5,956	70%	(27)%
North America(*)	1,559	24%	1,745	20%	(11)%
Europe	651	10%	846	10%	(23)%
Total	\$ 6,572	100%	\$ 8,547	100%	(23)%

(*) Primarily the United States.

New orders for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased from the prior quarter, primarily due to lower demand from foundry and logic customers. New orders for the third and second quarters of fiscal 2012 included \$241 million and \$366 million of new orders attributable to Varian, respectively. New orders for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 decreased from the comparable periods in the prior year, reflecting sharp decreases in demand for c-Si solar and LCD TV equipment, partially offset by new orders attributable to Varian. New orders for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 included \$874 million of new orders attributable to Varian.

Orders from customers in Asia Pacific continue to comprise the majority of new orders. For the third quarter of fiscal 2012, orders to customers in Korea, the majority of which were for semiconductor equipment, had the largest decrease compared to the prior quarter. Orders to customers in China had the largest decrease compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011, primarily due to reduced demand for display and solar equipment. Orders to customers in Korea for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 increased compared to the same period in fiscal 2011, while orders to customers in all other regions decreased.

New orders by reportable segment for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
(In millions, except percentages)								
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 1,166	65%	\$ 1,969	71%	\$ 1,239	52%	(41)%	(6)%
Applied Global Services	531	29%	650	24%	613	26%	(18)%	(13)%
Display	67	4%	84	3%	220	9%	(20)%	(70)%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	35	2%	62	2%	318	13%	(44)%	(89)%
Total	\$ 1,799	100%	\$ 2,765	100%	\$ 2,390	100%	(35)%	(25)%

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011		
	(In millions, except percentages)				
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 4,552	69%	\$ 4,563	53%	—%
Applied Global Services	1,697	26%	1,769	21%	(4)%
Display	192	3%	617	7%	(69)%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	131	2%	1,598	19%	(92)%
Total	\$ 6,572	100%	\$ 8,547	100%	(23)%

New orders for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased for all segments, primarily due to decreased demand for semiconductor equipment from foundry and logic customers. New orders for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 decreased for all segments compared to the same periods in the prior year, mostly due to the down cycle in the display industry and excess manufacturing capacity in the solar industry, partially offset by the addition of orders attributable to Varian.

Applied's backlog for the most recent three fiscal quarters was as follows: \$1.8 billion at July 29, 2012, \$2.4 billion at April 29, 2012, and \$2.2 billion at January 29, 2012. Net backlog adjustments for the quarter ended July 29, 2012 were negative and totaled \$20 million. Negative backlog adjustments of \$50 million consisted of financial debookings, cancellations and foreign exchange effects primarily related to services and semiconductor equipment customers. Negative adjustments were partially offset by \$30 million of rebookings primarily related to semiconductor equipment customers. Backlog consists of: (1) orders for which written authorizations have been accepted and assigned shipment dates are within the next 12 months, or shipment has occurred but revenue has not been recognized; and (2) contractual service revenue and maintenance fees to be earned within the next 12 months. Applied's backlog at any particular time is not necessarily indicative of actual sales for any future periods, due to the potential for customer changes in delivery schedules or cancellation of orders. In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, approximately 53 percent of the net sales in the Silicon Systems Group, Applied's largest business segment, were from orders received and shipped in the same quarter.

Backlog by reportable segment as of the most recent three fiscal quarters was as follows:

	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		January 29, 2012		Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q1 2012
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 853	47%	\$ 1,220	51%	\$ 1,044	48%	(30)%	(18)%
Applied Global Services	641	35%	703	30%	649	30%	(9)%	(1)%
Display	216	12%	291	12%	267	12%	(26)%	(19)%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	111	6%	158	7%	202	10%	(30)%	(45)%
Total	\$ 1,821	100%	\$ 2,372	100%	\$ 2,162	100%	(23)%	(16)%

Net Sales

Net sales by geographic region, determined by the location of customers' facilities to which products were shipped, for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
(In millions, except percentages)								
Korea	\$ 392	17%	\$ 750	30%	\$ 432	16%	(48)%	(9)%
Taiwan	811	34%	654	26%	454	16%	24%	79%
Japan	189	8%	169	7%	284	10%	12%	(33)%
China	254	11%	157	6%	751	27%	62%	(66)%
Southeast Asia	72	3%	64	2%	156	6%	13%	(54)%
Asia Pacific	1,718	73%	1,794	71%	2,077	75%	(4)%	(17)%
North America(*)	441	19%	518	20%	451	16%	(15)%	(2)%
Europe	184	8%	229	9%	259	9%	(20)%	(29)%
Total	\$ 2,343	100%	\$ 2,541	100%	\$ 2,787	100%	(8)%	(16)%

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except percentages)					
Korea	\$ 1,770	25%	\$ 900	11%	97%
Taiwan	1,954	28%	1,740	21%	12%
Japan	574	8%	658	8%	(13)%
China	592	8%	2,166	26%	(73)%
Southeast Asia	215	3%	495	6%	(57)%
Asia Pacific	5,105	72%	5,959	72%	(14)%
North America(*)	1,376	20%	1,528	18%	(10)%
Europe	592	8%	849	10%	(30)%
Total	\$ 7,073	100%	\$ 8,336	100%	(15)%

(*) Primarily the United States.

Net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased compared to the prior quarter primarily as a result of lower investments in semiconductor equipment by foundry customers. The decrease in net sales for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 from the comparable periods in the prior year reflected decreased demand for c-Si solar products and LCD TV equipment, partially offset by sales attributable to Varian. Net sales attributable to Varian for the third quarter, second quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 were approximately \$294 million, \$333 million and \$829 million, respectively.

For the third quarter of fiscal 2012, net sales to customers in Korea, the majority of which were for semiconductor equipment, had the largest decrease compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2012, while China had the largest decrease compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011. In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, the majority of net sales in Korea, Taiwan and North America reflected purchases of semiconductor products.

Net sales by reportable segment for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011				
(In millions, except percentages)								
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 1,545	66%	\$ 1,777	70%	\$ 1,398	50%	(13)%	11%
Applied Global Services	579	25%	551	22%	603	22%	5%	(4)%
Display	142	6%	134	5%	223	8%	6%	(36)%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	77	3%	79	3%	563	20%	(3)%	(86)%
Total	\$ 2,343	100%	\$ 2,541	100%	\$ 2,787	100%	(8)%	(16)%

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			
(In millions, except percentages)					
Silicon Systems Group	\$ 4,666	66%	\$ 4,348	52%	7%
Applied Global Services	1,664	24%	1,784	22%	(7)%
Display	380	5%	528	6%	(28)%
Energy and Environmental Solutions	363	5%	1,676	20%	(78)%
Total	\$ 7,073	100%	\$ 8,336	100%	(15)%

Net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter decreased, mostly in the Silicon Systems Group. Net sales for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 decreased from comparable periods in the prior year across all segments except the Silicon Systems Group. The decrease reflected lower investments in c-Si solar and LCD TV equipment, partially offset by sales attributable to Varian. The Silicon Systems Group's relative share of total net sales decreased compared to the prior quarter but increased for each of the three and nine month periods ended July 29, 2012 compared to the same periods in the prior year.

Gross Margin

Gross margins for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions, except percentages)								
Gross margin	\$ 930	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,184	\$(81)	\$(254)	\$ 2,726	\$ 3,509	\$(783)
Gross margin (% of net sales)	39.7%	39.8%	42.5%	(0.1) point	(2.8) points	38.5%	42.1%	(3.6) points
Non-GAAP Results								
Gross margin	\$ 974	\$ 1,070	\$ 1,193	\$(96)	\$(219)	\$ 2,935	\$ 3,536	\$(601)
Gross margin (% of net sales)	41.6%	42.1%	42.8%	(0.5) point	(1.2) points	41.5%	42.4%	(0.9) point

The decrease in the gross margin for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter was principally attributable to lower net sales and changes in segment mix. In addition, \$13 million of inventory charges were recorded during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 in connection with the restructuring of the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. Gross margin for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 decreased from the comparable periods in the prior year primarily due to changes in segment mix, inventory fair value adjustments and intangible asset amortization associated with purchase accounting, additional inventory charges, and lower net sales. Inventory fair value adjustments and intangible asset amortization associated with purchase accounting were \$36 million and \$164 million for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012, respectively. Gross margin during the three month periods ended July 29, 2012, April 29, 2012, and July 31, 2011 included \$13 million, \$14 million and \$13 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively. Gross margin during the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 included \$40 million and \$36 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively. Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

Research, Development and Engineering

Research, development and engineering (RD&E) expenses for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
	(In millions)							
Research, development and engineering	\$ 309	\$ 321	\$ 282	\$ (12)	\$ 27	\$ 933	\$ 850	\$ 83

Applied's future operating results depend to a considerable extent on its ability to maintain a competitive advantage in the equipment and service products it provides. Applied believes it is critical to continue to make substantial investments in RD&E to assure the availability of innovative technology that meets the current and projected requirements of its customers' most advanced designs. Applied historically has maintained its commitment to investing in RD&E in order to continue to offer new products and technologies. The decrease in RD&E expense for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter was due to reductions in variable compensation, partially offset by continued investments in new product development areas such as 450mm wafer systems. RD&E expense for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 increased from the comparable periods in the prior year primarily due to RD&E expenses related to Varian of approximately \$45 million and \$131 million for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012, respectively. RD&E expense during each of the three month periods ended July 29, 2012, April 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 included \$14 million, \$13 million and \$12 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively. RD&E expense during the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 included \$40 million and \$35 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively. Development cycles range from 12 to 36 months depending on whether the product is an enhancement of an existing product, which typically has a shorter development cycle, or a new product, which typically has a longer development cycle. Most of Applied's existing products resulted from internal development activities and innovations involving new technologies, materials and processes. In certain instances, Applied acquires technologies, either in existing or new product areas, to complement its existing technology capabilities and to reduce time to market.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions)								
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 255	\$ 281	\$ 240	\$ (26)	\$ 15	\$ 839	\$ 679	\$ 160

The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2012 was primarily attributable to reductions in variable compensation, additional savings associated with temporary shutdowns, and the absence of certain customer-related expenses recorded in the prior quarter. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased during the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 from the comparable periods in the prior year primarily due to acquisition-related costs and other expenses incurred in connection with Varian which aggregated to \$35 million and \$164 million, respectively. Selling, general and administrative expenses during each of the three month periods ended July 29, 2012, April 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 included \$15 million, \$16 million and \$13 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively. Selling, general and administrative expenses during the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 included \$58 million and \$39 million of share-based compensation expense, respectively.

Restructuring Charges and Asset Impairments

Restructuring charges and asset impairment expenses for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions)								
Restructuring charges and asset impairments	\$ 44	\$ —	\$ 3	\$ 44	\$ 41	\$ 44	\$ (30)	\$ 74

On May 10, 2012, Applied announced a plan to restructure its Energy and Environmental Solutions segment in light of challenging industry conditions affecting the solar PV and LED equipment markets. As part of the EES Restructuring Plan, Applied expects to relocate manufacturing, business operations and customer support functions of its precision wafering systems business and to cease LED development activities. The EES Restructuring Plan also impacts certain LED support activities in the Applied Global Services segment. This plan will impact up to approximately 250 positions globally. During the three months ended July 29, 2012, Applied incurred \$24 million of severance charges and \$11 million of asset impairment charges associated with this plan. In addition, Applied incurred \$9 million of severance charges during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 related to integration activities associated with the Varian acquisition.

Results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included favorable adjustments of \$36 million related to a restructuring plan announced on July 21, 2010, \$19 million related to a restructuring plan announced on November 11, 2009, and \$5 million related to a restructuring plan announced on November 12, 2008, partially offset by asset impairment charges of \$30 million primarily related to certain fixed and intangible assets.

Interest and Other Expenses

Interest and other expenses for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions)								
Interest and other expenses	\$ 24	\$ 23	\$ 25	\$ 1	\$ (1)	\$ 72	\$ 35	\$ 37

Interest and other expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 remained essentially flat compared to the prior quarter and compared to the same period in the prior year. Interest and other expenses in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 increased from the same period in the prior year, primarily due to interest on the senior unsecured notes issued in the third fiscal quarter of 2011. During the third quarter of fiscal 2011, Applied also incurred fees of \$8 million associated with a bridge loan facility that was entered into and terminated during the same quarter.

Interest and Other Income, Net

Interest and other income, net, for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions)								
Interest and other income, net	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 7	\$ —	\$ (3)	\$ 13	\$ 33	\$ (20)

Interest and other income, net remained flat in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 from the second quarter of fiscal 2012. The decrease in interest and other income, net in the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 from the comparable periods in the prior year was primarily due to a decrease in gains realized on sale of investment securities and lower interest rates.

Income Taxes

Income tax expenses for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011			July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions, except percentages)								
Provision for income taxes	\$ 84	\$ 98	\$ 193	\$ (14)	\$ (109)	\$ 224	\$ 564	\$ (340)
Effective income tax rate	27.8%	25.3%	28.8%	2.5 points	(1.0) point	26.4%	27.7%	(1.3) points

Applied's effective tax rate for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 increased compared to the prior quarter due to a change in forecasted earnings and composition of income in jurisdictions outside the U.S. with tax incentives. Applied's effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 were both lower than the rates for the comparable periods in the prior year primarily due to changes in the composition of income in jurisdictions outside the U.S. with tax incentives. Applied's future effective income tax rate depends on various factors, such as tax legislation and the geographic composition of Applied's pre-tax income. Management carefully monitors these factors and timely adjusts the interim effective income tax rate accordingly.

Segment Information

Applied reports financial results in four segments: Silicon Systems Group, Applied Global Services, Display, and Energy and Environmental Solutions. A description of the products and services, as well as financial data, for each reportable segment can be found in Note 16 of Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements. Applied does not allocate to its reportable segments certain operating expenses that it manages separately at the corporate level. These unallocated costs include costs for share-based compensation; certain management, finance, legal, human resources, and RD&E functions provided at the corporate level; and unabsorbed information technology and occupancy. In addition, Applied does not allocate to its reportable segments restructuring and asset impairment charges and any associated adjustments related to restructuring actions, unless these charges or adjustments pertain to a specific reportable segment.

The results for each reportable segment are discussed below.

Silicon Systems Group Segment

The Silicon Systems Group segment includes semiconductor capital equipment for deposition, etch, rapid thermal processing, chemical mechanical planarization, metrology and inspection, wafer-level packaging and, with the addition of Varian, ion implantation. Development efforts are focused on solving customers' key technical challenges in transistor, patterning, interconnect and packaging performance as devices scale to advanced technology nodes.

The competitive environment for the Silicon Systems Group in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 reflected continued investment in the semiconductor industry driven by capacity demand for mobile computing. Foundry customers led capacity additions for advanced technology nodes and were the primary drivers for net sales of the Silicon Systems Group. Investment by DRAM customers remained low in the period due to lack of profitability and oversupply in the DRAM memory market.

Certain significant measures for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011		
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011				
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)							
New orders	\$ 1,166	\$ 1,969	\$ 1,239	\$ (803)	(41)%	\$ (73)	(6)%
Net sales	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,398	\$ (232)	(13)%	\$ 147	11%
Book to bill ratio	0.8	1.1	0.9				
Operating income	\$ 427	\$ 504	\$ 452	\$ (77)	(15)%	\$ (25)	(6)%
Operating margin	27.6%	28.4%	32.3%		(0.8) point		(4.7) points
Non-GAAP Results							
Operating income	\$ 482	\$ 574	\$ 455	\$ (92)	(16)%	\$ 27	6%
Operating margin	31.2%	32.3%	32.5%		(1.1) points		(1.3) points

	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)				
New orders	\$ 4,552	\$ 4,563	\$ (11)	—%
Net sales	\$ 4,666	\$ 4,348	\$ 318	7%
Book to bill ratio	1.0	1.0		
Operating income	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,486	\$ (284)	(19)%
Operating margin	25.8%	34.2%		(8.4) points
Non-GAAP Results				
Operating income	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,494	\$ (52)	(3)%
Operating margin	30.9%	34.4%		(3.5) points

Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

The decreases in new orders and net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter were primarily attributable to decreased demand from foundry and logic customers. Approximately 53 percent of net sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 were for orders received and shipped within the quarter. Operating income and non-GAAP operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased compared to the prior quarter, reflecting a decrease in net sales, partially offset by lower variable compensation.

New orders decreased in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in fiscal 2011 due to decreased demand from memory and logic customers, partially offset by increased demand from foundry customers and the addition of orders attributable to Varian of \$199 million. The increase in net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011 was primarily due to the addition of net sales attributable to Varian of \$238 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2012, partially offset by decreased demand from memory and logic customers. Operating income for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 decreased compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2011, reflecting inclusion of costs associated with Varian operations and Varian acquisition-related costs, partially offset by higher net sales.

New orders decreased slightly for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in fiscal 2011 due to lower demand from memory and logic customers, partially offset by increased demand from foundry customers and the addition of orders attributable to Varian of \$722 million. The increase in net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in fiscal 2011 was primarily due to the addition of net sales attributable to Varian of \$668 million. Segment operating income for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 decreased compared to the same period in the prior year due to changes in customer and product mix with the inclusion of Varian, costs associated with Varian operations, Varian acquisition-related costs, and additional inventory charges.

New orders for the Silicon Systems Group by end use application for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
Foundry	58%	72%	37%	64%	47%
Memory	29%	16%	38%	23%	29%
Logic and other	13%	12%	25%	13%	24%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The following regions accounted for at least 30 percent of total net sales for the Silicon Systems Group segment for one or more of the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Korea	\$ 294	19%	\$ 650	37%	\$ 301	22%	(55)%	(2)%
Taiwan	680	44%	473	27%	262	19%	44%	160%

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011		
	(In millions, except percentages)				
Korea	\$ 1,496	32%	\$ 629	14%	138%
Taiwan	1,428	31%	1,128	26%	27%

Four customers accounted for 67 percent of net sales in this segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2012. Customers in Korea, Taiwan and North America together accounted for 82 percent, 84 percent and 64 percent of total net sales for this segment in the third and second quarters of fiscal 2012 and the third quarter of fiscal 2011, respectively. In the first nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011, customers in Korea, Taiwan and North America together accounted for 83 percent and 68 percent of total net sales for this segment, respectively.

Applied Global Services Segment

The Applied Global Services segment encompasses spares, upgrades, services, remanufactured earlier generation equipment and factory automation software. These products are designed to improve customers' operating efficiency, optimize their operating costs and lessen the environmental impact of semiconductor, display and solar customers' factories. Customer demand for products and services is fulfilled through a global distribution system and with trained service engineers located in close proximity to customer sites.

Industry conditions that affected Applied Global Services' sales of spares and services in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 were principally semiconductor manufacturers' wafer starts as well as foundry utilization rates.

Certain significant measures for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012		Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011		
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011					
	(In millions, except percentages and ratios)							
New orders	\$ 531	\$ 650	\$ 613	\$ (119)	(18)%	\$ (82)	(13)%	
Net sales	\$ 579	\$ 551	\$ 603	\$ 28	5%	\$ (24)	(4)%	
Book to bill ratio	0.9	1.2	1.0					
Operating income	\$ 122	\$ 109	\$ 146	\$ 13	12%	\$ (24)	(16)%	
Operating margin	21.1%	19.8%	24.2%		1.3 points		(3.1) points	
Non-GAAP Results								
Operating income	\$ 135	\$ 111	\$ 147	\$ 24	22%	\$ (12)	(8)%	
Operating margin	23.3%	20.1%	24.4%		3.2 points		(1.1) points	

	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011		
	(In millions, except percentages and ratios)			
New orders	\$ 1,697	\$ 1,769	\$ (72)	(4)%
Net sales	\$ 1,664	\$ 1,784	\$ (120)	(7)%
Book to bill ratio	1.0	1.0		
Operating income	\$ 338	\$ 322	\$ 16	5%
Operating margin	20.3%	18.0%		2.3 points
Non-GAAP Results				
Operating income	\$ 359	\$ 351	\$ 8	2%
Operating margin	21.6%	19.7%		1.9 points

Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

New orders decreased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter. The decrease was attributable to an order for thin film solar equipment of \$95 million in the prior quarter and a \$24 million decline in orders for other segment products. Net sales increased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the prior quarter primarily due to higher investment in semiconductor spares and services. Operating income and non-GAAP operating income increased, reflecting increased net sales.

New orders decreased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year, due to lower demand for semiconductor spares and services and 200mm systems, partially offset by the addition of orders attributable to Varian of \$42 million. Net sales decreased due to lower sales of 200mm systems, offset in part by the addition of net sales attributable to Varian of \$56 million. Operating income decreased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012, reflecting lower net sales and aggregate restructuring charges of \$11 million associated with the restructuring plan and Varian integration. Details on restructuring charges and asset impairments are included in Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

New orders and net sales decreased for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year, due primarily to lower demand for 200mm systems, partially offset by the addition new orders and net sales attributable to Varian. New orders and net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2012 included approximately \$152 million and \$161 million, respectively, attributable to Varian. Operating income year-over-year increased primarily due to asset impairment charges recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2011.

Display Segment

The Display segment encompasses products for manufacturing LCDs, OLEDs, and other display technologies for TVs, personal computers, tablets, smart phones, and other consumer-oriented devices. The segment is focused on expanding market share by differentiation with larger-scale manufacturing equipment for TVs, entry into new markets such as the low-temperature polysilicon, metal oxide, and touch panel sectors, and development of products that enable manufacturing cost reductions through productivity and uniformity.

The market environment for Applied's Display segment in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 was characterized by decreased capacity requirements for larger flat panel televisions and continued demand for touch screen and high-end mobile devices compared to the prior year. The display industry overall remains in a down cycle.

Certain significant measures for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012		Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011	
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011				
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)							
New orders	\$ 67	\$ 84	\$ 220	\$ (17)	(20)%	\$ (153)	(70)%
Net sales	\$ 142	\$ 134	\$ 223	\$ 8	6%	\$ (81)	(36)%
Book to bill ratio	0.5	0.6	1.0				
Operating income	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$ 58	\$ 3	43%	\$ (48)	(83)%
Operating margin	7.0%	5.2%	26.0%		1.8 points		(19.0) points
Non-GAAP Results							
Operating income	\$ 12	\$ 9	\$ 60	\$ 3	33%	\$ (48)	(80)%
Operating margin	8.5%	6.7%	26.9%		1.8 points		(18.4) points

	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)				
New orders	\$ 192	\$ 617	\$ (425)	(69)%
Net sales	\$ 380	\$ 528	\$ (148)	(28)%
Book to bill ratio	0.5	1.2		
Operating income	\$ 23	\$ 116	\$ (93)	(80)%
Operating margin	6.1%	22.0%		(15.9) points
Non-GAAP Results				
Operating income	\$ 29	\$ 122	\$ (93)	(76)%
Operating margin	7.6%	23.1%		(15.5) points

Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

New orders decreased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2012, reflecting continued weakness in demand for LCD TV equipment. Net sales, however, increased slightly in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, from a low level in the prior quarter. Operating income and non-GAAP operating income increased slightly in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 as a result of higher net sales.

New orders, net sales, and operating income for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012 were lower compared to the same periods in the prior year, resulting from large substrate LCD TV equipment industry overcapacity, partially offset by increased demand for advanced mobile display equipment compared to the prior year.

The following regions accounted for at least 30 percent of total net sales for the Display segment for one or more of the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Taiwan	\$ 8	6%	\$ 92	69%	\$ 58	26%	(91)%	(86)%
China	58	41%	1	1%	111	50%	5,700%	(48)%
Japan	46	32%	11	8%	—	—%	318%	—%

	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011		
	(In millions, except percentages)				
Taiwan	\$ 145	38%	\$ 156	30%	(7)%
China	78	21%	255	48%	(69)%
Japan	71	19%	38	7%	87%

Three customers accounted for 81 percent of net sales in the Display segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2012. Customers in Japan and China accounted for the majority of net sales in this segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2012, while customers in Taiwan accounted for the majority of net sales in this segment for the prior quarter. Customers in Taiwan and China accounted for the majority of the sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2011 and the first nine months of fiscals 2012 and 2011.

Applied tested goodwill of the Display reporting unit for potential impairment during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 in light of second quarter developments that included current industry trends and financial performance and short-term outlook. The results of the first step of the impairment test indicated that goodwill of the Display reporting unit was not impaired and the estimated fair value of the reporting unit was more than 100 percent over the carrying value of the reporting unit. Although the business conditions in the industry in which the Display reporting unit operates remain weak, Applied is not aware of changes in the industry that would significantly impact the last impairment test performed in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. In the event of future changes in business conditions in the market in which the Display reporting unit operates, Applied will be required to reassess and update its forecasts and estimates used in future impairment analysis.

Energy and Environmental Solutions Segment

The Energy and Environmental Solutions segment is focused on delivering solutions to generate and conserve energy, with an emphasis on lowering the cost to produce solar power by providing equipment to enhance manufacturing scale and the energy conversion efficiency of PV cells. Product offerings include equipment for fabricating c-Si solar cells, as well as high-throughput roll-to-roll coating systems for flexible electronics.

The solar PV industry environment in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 was characterized by excess manufacturing capacity relative to end-market demand. As a result, solar cell and wafering customers are deferring purchases of new capacity to preserve capital.

Certain significant measures for the periods indicated were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011		
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)					
New orders	\$ 35	\$ 62	\$ 318	\$ (27) (44)%	\$ (283) (89)%
Net sales	\$ 77	\$ 79	\$ 563	\$ (2) (3)%	\$ (486) (86)%
Book to bill ratio	0.5	0.8	0.6		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (102)	\$ (63)	\$ 123	\$ (39) 62%	\$ (225) (183)%
Operating margin	(132.5)%	(79.7)%	21.8%	(52.8) points	(154.3) points
Non-GAAP Results					
Operating income (loss)	\$ (64)	\$ (57)	\$ 132	\$ (7) 12%	\$ (196) (148)%
Operating margin	(83.1)%	(72.2)%	23.4%	(10.9) points	(106.5) points

	Nine Months Ended		Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	
(In millions, except percentages and ratios)			
New orders	\$ 131	\$ 1,598	\$ (1,467) (92)%
Net sales	\$ 363	\$ 1,676	\$ (1,313) (78)%
Book to bill ratio	0.4	1.0	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (188)	\$ 436	\$ (624) (143)%
Operating margin	(51.8)%	26.0%	(77.8) points
Non-GAAP Results			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (138)	\$ 421	\$ (559) (133)%
Operating margin	(38.0)%	25.1%	(63.1) points

Reconciliations of non-GAAP measures are presented under "Non-GAAP Results."

Financial performance for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 decreased from the prior quarter and comparable periods in the prior year due to continued excess manufacturing capacity in the solar industry. During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, approximately 67 percent of the segment's net sales were from products shipped in earlier periods.

On May 10, 2012, Applied announced a plan to restructure the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. During the three months ended July 29, 2012, Applied incurred \$35 million of severance and asset impairment charges associated with this plan, of which \$32 million was included in the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment. In addition, \$13 million of inventory charges were recorded in cost of products sold during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 associated with the restructuring. Details on restructuring charges and asset impairments are included in Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

The following regions accounted for at least 30 percent of total net sales for the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment for one or more of the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended						Change Q3 2012 over Q2 2012	Change Q3 2012 over Q3 2011
	July 29, 2012		April 29, 2012		July 31, 2011			
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Taiwan	\$ 15	19%	\$ 7	9%	\$ 44	8%	114%	(66)%
China	45	58%	42	53%	485	86%	7%	(91)%
	Nine Months Ended				Change YTD 2012 over YTD 2011			
	July 29, 2012		July 31, 2011					
	(In millions, except percentages)							
Taiwan	\$ 114	31%	\$ 174	10%	(34)%			
China	171	47%	1,360	81%	(87)%			

For the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2012, customers in Taiwan and China continued to account for the majority of net sales in this segment, while a majority of sales were to customers in China for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2011.

Applied tested goodwill of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit for potential impairment during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 in light of second quarter developments that included current industry trends, financial performance, weaker short-term outlooks, and other adverse operating conditions within the solar industry. The results of the first step of the impairment test indicated that goodwill of the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit was not impaired, as the estimated fair value in excess of carrying value was approximately \$700 million (or 73 percent over the carrying value of the reporting unit) at April 1, 2012.

Although the business conditions in the industry in which the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit operates remain weak, Applied is not aware of changes in the industry that would significantly impact the last impairment test performed in the second quarter of fiscal 2012. In the event of future changes in business conditions in the market in which the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit operates, Applied will be required to reassess and update its forecasts and estimates used in future impairment analysis. If the results of this analysis are lower than current estimates, a material impairment charge may result at that time. Details on the impairment analysis performed for the Energy and Environmental Solutions reporting unit are included in Note 9 of the Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

Applied's cash, cash equivalents and investments decreased to \$3.2 billion at July 29, 2012 from \$7.2 billion at October 30, 2011.

Cash, cash equivalents and investments consisted of the following:

	July 29, 2012	October 30, 2011
(In millions)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,529	\$ 5,960
Short-term investments	635	283
Long-term investments	1,058	931
Total cash, cash-equivalents and investments	<u>\$ 3,222</u>	<u>\$ 7,174</u>

The decrease in cash was the result of the completion of the acquisition of Varian during the first quarter of fiscal 2012, and cash paid for stock repurchases and dividends, which were offset in part by cash generated from operations. Cash, cash equivalents and investments at October 30, 2011 included net proceeds from the issuance of \$1.75 billion of senior unsecured notes that were issued to assist in funding the Varian acquisition.

A summary of cash provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
(In millions)		
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,728
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$ (4,697)	\$ 218
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ (1,172)	\$ 1,210

Applied generated \$1.4 billion of cash from operating activities for the nine months ended July 29, 2012. The primary sources of cash from operating activities for the nine months ended July 29, 2012 were net income, as adjusted to exclude the effect of non-cash charges including depreciation, amortization, share-based compensation, deferred income taxes, asset impairment charges and changes in components of working capital. Applied did not utilize programs to discount letters of credit issued by customers for the nine months ended July 29, 2012. Applied utilized programs to discount letters of credit issued by customers of \$211 million for the nine months ended July 31, 2011. Discounting of letters of credit depends on many factors, including the willingness of financial institutions to discount the letters of credit and the cost of such arrangements. For the nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, Applied factored accounts receivable and discounted promissory notes totaling \$70 million and \$80 million, respectively. Applied's working capital was \$3.5 billion at July 29, 2012 and \$7.6 billion at October 30, 2011.

Days sales and inventory outstanding for the periods indicated were:

	Three Months Ended		
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
Days sales outstanding	60	64	59
Days inventory outstanding	89	95	105

Days sales outstanding varies due to the timing of shipments and customer payment terms. The improving trends for days sales outstanding and days inventory outstanding represent increased cash flows from changes in accounts receivable and inventory during the nine months ended July 29, 2012. The changes in accounts receivable and inventory resulted from lower net sales for the nine months ended July 29, 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year. Decreases in accounts payable, accrued expenses, customer deposits and deferred revenues partially offset these cash flow increases reflecting lower business volume.

Applied used \$4.7 billion of cash for investing activities during the nine months ended July 29, 2012. In the first nine months of fiscal 2012, Applied acquired Varian for \$4.2 billion, net of cash acquired. Purchases of investments, net of proceeds from sales and maturities of investments, totaled \$387 million, and capital expenditures totaled \$121 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2012.

Applied used \$1.2 billion of cash for financing activities during the nine months ended July 29, 2012, consisting primarily of \$900 million in common stock repurchases and \$323 million in cash dividends paid to stockholders, offset by \$52 million in proceeds from common stock issuances related to equity compensation awards. On March 5, 2012, the Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program authorizing up to \$3.0 billion in repurchases over the next three years, ending March 2015.

The following table summarizes Applied's stock repurchases for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Shares of common stock repurchased	47	2	81	20
Cost of stock repurchased	\$ 500	\$ 25	\$ 900	\$ 293
Average price paid per share	\$ 10.71	\$ 12.77	\$ 11.09	\$ 14.31

During the three months ended July 29, 2012, Applied repurchased 47 million shares, resulting in a 3.6 percent reduction in shares outstanding from the beginning of the quarter.

The following table summarizes the dividends declared during fiscal 2012:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payable Date	Amount per Share	Aggregate Amount (In millions)
December 6, 2011	February 23, 2012	March 15, 2012	\$0.08	\$103
March 5, 2012	May 24, 2012	June 14, 2012	\$0.09	\$115
June 12, 2012	August 23, 2012	September 13, 2012	\$0.09	\$111

Unpaid dividends were estimated based on the number of outstanding shares at the end of the fiscal quarter prior to the applicable record date.

Applied currently anticipates that cash dividends will continue to be paid on a quarterly basis, although the declaration of any future cash dividend is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend on Applied's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, business conditions and other factors, as well as a determination by the Board of Directors that cash dividends are in the best interests of Applied's stockholders.

Applied has credit facilities for unsecured borrowings in various currencies of up to \$1.6 billion, of which \$1.5 billion is comprised of a committed revolving credit agreement with a group of banks that was extended by one year in May 2012 and is scheduled to expire in May 2016. This agreement provides for borrowings in United States dollars at interest rates keyed to one of the two rates selected by Applied for each advance and includes financial and other covenants with which Applied was in compliance at July 29, 2012. Remaining credit facilities in the amount of approximately \$103 million are with Japanese banks. Applied's ability to borrow under these facilities is subject to bank approval at the time of the borrowing request, and any advances will be at rates indexed to the banks' prime reference rate denominated in Japanese yen. No amounts were outstanding under any of these facilities at both July 29, 2012 and October 30, 2011 and Applied has not received any advances from these credit facilities.

Applied has debt agreements that contain financial and other covenants. These covenants require Applied to maintain certain minimum financial ratios. At July 29, 2012, Applied was in compliance with the debt covenants. See Note 10 of Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements for additional discussion of borrowings and long-term debt.

In the ordinary course of business, Applied provides standby letters of credit or other guarantee instruments to third parties as required for certain transactions initiated by either Applied or its subsidiaries. As of July 29, 2012, the maximum potential amount of future payments that Applied could be required to make under these guarantee agreements was approximately \$45 million. Applied has not recorded any liability in connection with these guarantee agreements beyond that required to appropriately account for the underlying transaction being guaranteed. Applied does not believe, based on historical experience and information currently available, that it is probable that any amounts will be required to be paid under these guarantee agreements.

Applied also has agreements with various banks to facilitate subsidiary banking operations worldwide, including overdraft arrangements, issuance of bank guarantees, and letters of credit. As of July 29, 2012, Applied Materials, Inc. has provided parent guarantees to banks for approximately \$181 million to cover these services.

Applied's investment portfolio consists principally of investment grade money market mutual funds, U.S. Treasury and agency securities, municipal bonds, corporate bonds and mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, as well as equity securities. Applied regularly monitors the credit risk in its investment portfolio and takes appropriate measures, which may include the sale of certain securities, to manage such risks prudently in accordance with its investment policies.

For the nine months ended July 29, 2012, Applied did not recognize any impairment on its marketable securities. At July 29, 2012, Applied had a gross unrealized loss in its investment portfolio of \$1 million due to a decrease in the fair value of certain fixed income securities.

During the nine months ended July 29, 2012, Applied recorded a bad debt provision of \$9 million as a result of certain customers' financial condition. Applied did not record a bad debt provision during the nine months ended July 31, 2011. While Applied believes that its allowance for doubtful accounts at July 29, 2012 is adequate, it will continue to closely monitor customer liquidity and economic conditions.

At July 29, 2012, approximately \$950 million of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities held by foreign subsidiaries may be subject to U.S. taxes if repatriated for U.S. operations. Of this amount, Applied intends to permanently reinvest approximately \$400 million outside of the U.S. and does not plan to repatriate these funds. For the remaining cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities held by foreign subsidiaries, U.S. taxes have been provided in the financial statements.

Although cash requirements will fluctuate based on the timing and extent of factors such as those discussed above, Applied's management believes that cash generated from operations, together with the liquidity provided by existing cash balances and borrowing capability, will be sufficient to satisfy Applied's liquidity requirements for the next 12 months. For further details regarding Applied's operating, investing and financing activities, see the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows in this report.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make judgments, assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts reported. Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Note 1 to Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements in this report describe the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements. Certain of these significant accounting policies are considered to be critical accounting policies.

A critical accounting policy is defined as one that is both material to the presentation of Applied's consolidated financial statements and that requires management to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments that could have a material effect on Applied's financial condition or results of operations. Specifically, these policies have the following attributes: (1) Applied is required to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time of the estimate; and (2) different estimates Applied could reasonably have used, or changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur, would have a material effect on Applied's financial condition or results of operations.

Estimates and assumptions about future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty. Applied bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions believed to be applicable and reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates may change as new events occur, as additional information is obtained and as Applied's operating environment changes. These changes have historically been minor and have been included in the consolidated financial statements as soon as they became known. In addition, management is periodically faced with uncertainties, the outcomes of which are not within its control and will not be known for prolonged periods of time. These uncertainties include those discussed in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors." Based on a critical assessment of its accounting policies and the underlying judgments and uncertainties affecting the application of those policies, management believes that Applied's consolidated financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and provide a meaningful presentation of Applied's financial condition and results of operations.

Management believes that the following are critical accounting policies:

Revenue Recognition

Applied recognizes revenue when all four revenue recognition criteria have been met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; seller's price to buyer is fixed or determinable; and collectability is probable. Each sale arrangement may contain commercial terms that differ from other arrangements. In addition, Applied frequently enters into contracts that contain multiple deliverables. Judgment is required to properly identify the accounting units of the multiple deliverable transactions and to determine the manner in which revenue should be allocated among the accounting units. Moreover, judgment is used in interpreting the commercial terms and determining when all criteria of revenue recognition have been met in order for revenue recognition to occur in the appropriate accounting period. While changes in the allocation of the estimated sales price between the units of accounting will not affect the amount of total revenue recognized for a particular sales arrangement, any material changes in these allocations could impact the timing of revenue recognition, which could have a material effect on Applied's financial condition and results of operations.

Warranty Costs

Applied provides for the estimated cost of warranty when revenue is recognized. Estimated warranty costs are determined by analyzing specific product data, current and historical configuration statistics and regional warranty support costs. Applied's warranty obligation is affected by product and component failure rates, material usage and labor costs incurred in correcting product failures during the warranty period. As Applied's customer engineers and process support engineers are highly trained and deployed globally, labor availability is a significant factor in determining labor costs. The quantity and availability of critical replacement parts is another significant factor in estimating warranty costs. Unforeseen component failures or exceptional component performance can also result in changes to warranty costs. If actual warranty costs differ substantially from Applied's estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be required, which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Applied maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. This allowance is based on historical experience, credit evaluations, specific customer collection history and any customer-specific issues Applied has identified. Changes in circumstances, such as an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer's ability to meet its financial obligation to Applied or its payment trends, may require Applied to further adjust its estimates of the recoverability of amounts due to Applied, which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Inventory Valuation

Inventories are generally stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The carrying value of inventory is reduced for estimated obsolescence by the difference between its cost and the estimated market value based upon assumptions about future demand. Applied evaluates the inventory carrying value for potential excess and obsolete inventory exposures by analyzing historical and anticipated demand. In addition, inventories are evaluated for potential obsolescence due to the effect of known and anticipated engineering change orders and new products. If actual demand were to be substantially lower than estimated, additional adjustments for excess or obsolete inventory may be required, which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Applied reviews goodwill and intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these assets may not be recoverable, and also annually reviews goodwill and intangibles with indefinite lives for impairment. Intangible assets, such as purchased technology, are generally recorded in connection with a business acquisition. The value assigned to intangible assets is usually based on estimates and judgments regarding expectations for the success and life cycle of products and technology acquired. If actual product acceptance differs significantly from the estimates, Applied may be required to record an impairment charge to reduce the carrying value of the reporting unit to its realizable value. The fair value of a reporting unit is estimated using both the income approach and the market approach taking into account such factors as future anticipated operating results and estimated cost of capital. Management uses significant judgment when assessing goodwill for potential impairment, especially in emerging markets. If Applied were to encounter challenging economic conditions, such as a decline in operating results, an unfavorable industry or macroeconomic environment, or any other adverse change in market conditions, Applied may be required to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment analysis. If such conditions have the effect of changing one of the critical assumptions or estimates used in the quantitative goodwill impairment analysis, it could result in an unexpected impairment charge for impaired goodwill, which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Income Taxes

The effective tax rate is highly dependent upon the geographic composition of worldwide earnings, tax regulations governing each region, non-tax deductible expenses incurred in connection with acquisitions and availability of tax credits. Management carefully monitors the changes in many factors and adjusts the effective income tax rate as required. If actual results differ from these estimates, Applied could be required to record a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets or adjust its effective income tax rate, which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Applied accounts for income taxes by recognizing deferred tax assets and liabilities using statutory tax rates for the effect of temporary differences between the book and tax bases of recorded assets and liabilities, net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets are also reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Management has determined that it is more likely than not that Applied's future taxable income will be sufficient to realize its deferred tax assets.

The calculation of tax liabilities involves significant judgment in estimating the impact of uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. Resolution of these uncertainties in a manner inconsistent with Applied's expectations could have a material impact on Applied's results of operations and financial condition.

Non-GAAP Results

Management uses non-GAAP results to evaluate the Company's operating and financial performance in light of business objectives and for planning purposes. Applied believes these measures enhance investors' ability to review the Company's business from the same perspective as the Company's management and facilitate comparisons of this period's results with prior periods. The non-GAAP results presented below and elsewhere in this report exclude the impact of the following, where applicable: restructuring and asset impairment charges and any associated adjustment related to restructuring actions, certain discrete tax items, certain acquisition-related costs, investment impairments, and gain or loss on sale of facilities. These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with GAAP and may differ from non-GAAP methods of accounting and reporting used by other companies. The presentation of this additional information should not be considered a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the GAAP and non-GAAP consolidated results:

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP RESULTS

(In millions, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
Non-GAAP Gross Margin					
Reported gross margin (GAAP basis)	\$ 930	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,184	\$ 2,726	\$ 3,509
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	44	59	9	209	27
Non-GAAP gross margin	\$ 974	\$ 1,070	\$ 1,193	\$ 2,935	\$ 3,536
Non-GAAP gross margin percent (% of net sales)	41.6%	42.1%	42.8%	41.5%	42.4%
Non-GAAP Operating Income					
Reported operating income (GAAP basis)	\$ 322	\$ 409	\$ 687	\$ 910	\$ 2,037
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	57	71	12	242	37
Varian integration and deal costs	8	10	9	70	9
Restructuring charges and asset impairments ^{2, 3, 4}	44	—	3	44	(30)
Gain on sale of facilities, net	—	—	(28)	—	(27)
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 431	\$ 490	\$ 683	\$ 1,266	\$ 2,026
Non-GAAP operating margin percent (% of net sales)	18.4%	19.3%	24.5%	17.9%	24.3%
Non-GAAP Net Income					
Reported net income (GAAP basis)	\$ 218	\$ 289	\$ 476	\$ 624	\$ 1,471
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	57	71	12	242	37
Varian integration and deal costs	8	10	9	70	9
Restructuring charges and asset impairments ^{2, 3, 4}	44	—	3	44	(30)
Impairment of strategic investments	—	3	—	3	—
Gain on sale of facilities, net	—	—	(28)	—	(27)
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit	—	—	—	—	(13)
Resolution of audits of prior years' income tax filings	(10)	(7)	—	(17)	—
Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments	(17)	(17)	(5)	(77)	5
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 300	\$ 349	\$ 467	\$ 889	\$ 1,452
Non-GAAP Earnings Per Diluted Share					
Reported earnings per diluted share (GAAP basis)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.10
Certain items associated with acquisitions	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.15	0.02
Varian integration and deal costs	0.01	—	—	0.04	0.01
Restructuring charges and asset impairments	0.03	—	—	0.03	(0.01)
Gain on sale of facilities, net	—	—	(0.02)	—	(0.02)
Reinstatement of federal R&D tax credit and resolution of audits of prior years' income tax filings	(0.01)	—	—	(0.01)	(0.01)
Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.09
Weighted average number of diluted shares	1,268	1,301	1,330	1,292	1,333

¹ These items are incremental charges attributable to acquisitions, consisting of inventory fair value adjustments on products sold, and amortization of purchased intangible assets.

² Results for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 included severance and other charges of \$24 million and asset impairment charges of \$11 million related to the restructuring program announced on May 10, 2012 and severance charges of \$9 million related to Varian integration.

³ Results for the three months ended July 31, 2011 included asset impairment charges of \$3 million related to certain fixed assets.

⁴ Results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included favorable adjustments of \$36 million related to a restructuring program announced on July 21, 2010, \$19 million related to a restructuring program announced on November 11, 2009, and \$5 million related to a restructuring program announced on November 12, 2008, partially offset by asset impairment charges of \$30 million primarily related to certain fixed and intangible assets.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the GAAP and non-GAAP segment results:

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP RESULTS

(In millions, except percentages)	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	July 29, 2012	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011	July 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
Non-GAAP SSG Operating Income					
Reported operating income (GAAP basis)	\$ 427	\$ 504	\$ 452	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,486
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	47	61	3	208	8
Varian integration costs	7	9	—	31	—
Restructuring charges and asset impairments ²	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 482	\$ 574	\$ 455	\$ 1,442	\$ 1,494
Non-GAAP operating margin percent (% of net sales)	31.2 %	32.3 %	32.5%	30.9 %	34.4%
Non-GAAP AGS Operating Income					
Reported operating income (GAAP basis)	\$ 122	\$ 109	\$ 146	\$ 338	\$ 322
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	2	2	1	10	5
Restructuring charges and asset impairments ^{2, 3, 4}	11	—	—	11	24
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 135	\$ 111	\$ 147	\$ 359	\$ 351
Non-GAAP operating margin percent (% of net sales)	23.3 %	20.1 %	24.4%	21.6 %	19.7%
Non-GAAP Display Operating Income					
Reported operating income (GAAP basis)	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$ 58	\$ 23	\$ 116
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	2	2	2	6	6
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 12	\$ 9	\$ 60	\$ 29	\$ 122
Non-GAAP operating margin percent (% of net sales)	8.5 %	6.7 %	26.9%	7.6 %	23.1%
Non-GAAP EES Operating Income (Loss)					
Reported operating income (loss) (GAAP basis)	\$ (102)	\$ (63)	\$ 123	\$ (188)	\$ 436
Certain items associated with acquisitions ¹	6	6	6	18	18
Restructuring charges and asset impairments ^{2, 3, 4}	32	—	3	32	(33)
Non-GAAP operating income (loss)	\$ (64)	\$ (57)	\$ 132	\$ (138)	\$ 421
Non-GAAP operating margin percent (% of net sales)	(83.1)%	(72.2)%	23.4%	(38.0)%	25.1%

¹ These items are incremental charges attributable to acquisitions, consisting of inventory fair value adjustments on products sold, and amortization of purchased intangible assets.

² Results for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 included severance and other charges of \$24 million and asset impairment charges of \$11 million related to the restructuring program announced on May 10, 2012 and severance charges of \$9 million related to Varian integration.

³ Results for the three months ended July 31, 2011 included asset impairment charges of \$3 million related to certain fixed assets.

⁴ Results for the nine months ended July 31, 2011 included favorable adjustments of \$36 million related to a restructuring program announced on July 21, 2010, partially offset by asset impairment charges of \$27 million related to certain intangible assets and fixed assets.

Note: Segment non-GAAP operating income does not include deal costs and other acquisition-related costs, which are reported within corporate and unallocated costs.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Applied is exposed to interest rate risk related to its investment portfolio and debt issuances. Applied's investment portfolio includes fixed-income securities with a fair value of approximately \$1.6 billion at July 29, 2012. These securities are subject to interest rate risk and will decline in value if interest rates increase. Based on Applied's investment portfolio at July 29, 2012, an immediate 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in a decrease in the fair value of the portfolio of approximately \$24 million. While an increase in interest rates reduces the fair value of the investment portfolio, Applied will not realize the losses in the consolidated condensed statement of operations unless the individual fixed-income securities are sold prior to recovery or the loss is determined to be other-than-temporary. At July 29, 2012, the carrying amount of long-term debt was \$1.9 billion with an estimated fair value of \$2.3 billion. A hypothetical decrease in interest rates of 100 basis points would result in an increase in the fair value of Applied's debt issuances of approximately \$227 million at July 29, 2012.

Certain operations of Applied are conducted in foreign currencies, such as Japanese yen, euro, Israeli shekel, Taiwanese dollar and Swiss franc. Applied enters into currency forward exchange and option contracts to hedge a portion of, but not all, existing and anticipated foreign currency denominated transactions expected to occur within 24 months. Gains and losses on these contracts are generally recognized in income at the time that the related transactions being hedged are recognized. Because the effect of movements in currency exchange rates on currency forward exchange and option contracts generally offsets the related effect on the underlying items being hedged, these financial instruments are not expected to subject Applied to risks that would otherwise result from changes in currency exchange rates. Applied does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. Net foreign currency gains and losses were not material for the three and nine months ended July 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), Applied's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report, of the effectiveness of Applied's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that Applied's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of the end of the period covered by this report in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in Applied's SEC reports is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to Applied's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As required by Rule 13a-15(d), Applied's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, also conducted an evaluation of Applied's internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Applied's internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, there has been no such change during the fiscal quarter.

It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system will be met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth above under the caption “Legal Matters” in Note 15 contained in Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risk factors set forth below include any material changes to, and supersede the description of, the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of Applied’s 2011 Form 10-K. These factors could materially affect Applied’s business, financial condition or results of operations and should be carefully considered in evaluating the Company and its business, in addition to other information presented elsewhere in this report.

The industries that Applied serves are volatile and difficult to predict.

As a supplier to the global semiconductor, flat panel display, and solar industries, Applied is subject to business cycles, the timing, length and volatility of which can be difficult to predict and which vary by reportable segment. These industries historically have been cyclical due to sudden changes in customers’ requirements for new manufacturing capacity and advanced technology, which depend in part on customers’ capacity utilization, production volumes, access to affordable capital, end-use demand, and inventory levels relative to demand, as well as the rate of technology transitions and general economic conditions. These changes have affected the timing and amounts of customers’ purchases and investments in technology, and continue to affect Applied’s orders, net sales, operating expenses and net income.

To meet rapidly changing demand in the industries it serves, Applied must accurately forecast demand and effectively manage its resources and production capacity for each of its segments as well as across multiple segments, and may incur unexpected or additional costs to align its business operations. During periods of decreasing demand, Applied must reduce costs and align its cost structure with prevailing market conditions; effectively manage its supply chain; and motivate and retain key employees. During periods of increasing demand for its products, Applied must have sufficient manufacturing capacity and inventory to meet customer demand; effectively manage its supply chain; attract, retain and motivate a sufficient number of qualified employees; and continue to control costs. If Applied does not accurately forecast and timely and appropriately adapt to changes in its business environment, Applied’s business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks associated with the uncertain global economy.

Uncertain global economic conditions and slowing growth in China, Europe, and the United States, along with continuing difficulties in the financial markets, national debt concerns in various regions, and government austerity measures, are posing challenges to the industries in which Applied operates. The markets for semiconductors and flat panel displays in particular depend largely on consumer spending, while the solar market depends in part on government incentives and the availability of financing for PV installations. Economic uncertainty and related factors, including unemployment, inflation and fuel prices, exacerbate negative trends in business and consumer spending and may cause certain Applied customers to push out, cancel, or refrain from placing orders for equipment or services, which may in turn reduce Applied’s net sales, reduce backlog, and affect Applied’s ability to convert backlog to sales. Uncertain market conditions, difficulties in obtaining capital, or reduced profitability may also cause some customers to scale back operations, exit businesses, merge with other manufacturers, or file for bankruptcy protection and potentially cease operations, which can also result in lower sales and/or additional inventory or bad debt expense for Applied. These conditions may similarly affect key suppliers, which could impair their ability to deliver parts and result in delays for Applied’s products or added costs. In addition, these conditions may lead to strategic alliances by, or consolidation of, other equipment manufacturers, which could adversely affect Applied’s ability to compete effectively.

Uncertainty about future economic and industry conditions also makes it more challenging for Applied to forecast its operating results, make business decisions, and identify and prioritize the risks that may affect its businesses, sources and uses of cash, financial condition and results of operations. Applied may be required to implement additional cost reduction efforts, including restructuring activities, and/or modify its business model, which may adversely affect Applied’s ability to capitalize on opportunities in a market recovery. In addition, Applied maintains an investment portfolio that is subject to general credit, liquidity, foreign exchange, market and interest rate risks. The risks to Applied’s investment portfolio may be exacerbated if financial market conditions deteriorate and, as a result, the value and liquidity of the investment portfolio, as well as returns on pension assets, could be negatively impacted and lead to impairment charges. Applied also maintains cash balances in various bank accounts globally in order to fund normal operations. If one or more of these financial institutions become insolvent or are taken over by a government, it could limit Applied’s ability to access cash in the affected accounts.

If Applied does not timely and appropriately adapt to changes resulting from the uncertain macroeconomic environment and industry conditions, or to difficulties in the financial markets, Applied’s business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks as a result of ongoing changes in the various industries in which it operates.

The global semiconductor, flat panel display, solar and related industries in which Applied operates are characterized by ongoing changes affecting some or all of these industries, including:

- changes in end demand for electronic products, including those related to fluctuations in consumer buying patterns tied to the introduction of new mobility products, and the effect of these changes on customers' businesses and, in turn, on demand for Applied's products;
- increasing capital requirements for building and operating new fabrication plants and customers' ability to raise the necessary capital, particularly when financial market conditions are difficult;
- differences in growth rates among the semiconductor, display and solar industries;
- the increasing importance of establishing, improving and maintaining strong relationships with customers;
- the increasing cost and complexity for customers to move from product design to volume manufacturing, which may slow the adoption rate of new manufacturing technology;
- the need to continually reduce the total cost of manufacturing system ownership, due in part to greater demand for lower-cost consumer electronics compared to business information technology spending;
- the heightened importance to customers of system reliability and productivity and the effect on demand for fabrication systems as a result of their increasing productivity, device yield and reliability;
- the increasing importance of, and difficulties in, developing products with sufficient differentiation to influence customers' purchasing decisions;
- requirements for shorter cycle times for the development, manufacture and installation of manufacturing equipment;
- price and performance trends for semiconductor devices, LCDs and solar PVs, and the corresponding effect on demand for such products;
- the increasing importance of the availability of spare parts to maximize the time that customers' systems are available for production;
- the increasing role for and complexity of software in Applied products; and
- the increasing focus on reducing energy usage and improving the environmental impact and sustainability associated with manufacturing operations.

If Applied does not successfully manage the risks resulting from the ongoing changes in the semiconductor, flat panel display, solar and related industries, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks as a result of ongoing changes specific to the semiconductor industry.

The largest proportion of Applied's consolidated net sales and profitability has been and continues to be derived from sales of manufacturing equipment by the Silicon Systems Group to the global semiconductor industry. In addition, a majority of the revenues of Applied Global Services is from sales of service products to semiconductor manufacturers. The semiconductor industry is characterized by ongoing changes particular to that industry in addition to the general industry changes described in the preceding risk factor, including:

- the increasing cost of research and development due to many factors, including: decreasing linewidths on a chip; the use of new materials such as cobalt and yttrium; new and more complex device structures; more applications and process steps; increasing chip design costs; and the increasing cost and complexity of integrated manufacturing processes;
- the cost, technical complexity and timing of a proposed industry transition from 300mm to 450mm wafers, and the resulting effect on demand for manufacturing equipment and services;
- the need to reduce product development time, despite the increasing difficulty of technical challenges;
- the growing number of types and varieties of semiconductors and number of applications across multiple substrate sizes;
- the increasing cost and complexity for semiconductor manufacturers to move more technically advanced capability and smaller linewidths to volume manufacturing, and the resulting impact on the rates of technology transition and investment in capital equipment;
- challenges in generating organic growth given semiconductor manufacturers' decreasing capital expenditures as a percentage of revenue, and their increasing capital investment in market segments that Applied does not serve, such as lithography, or segments where Applied's products have lower relative market share;
- the importance of increasing market positions in under-penetrated segments, such as etch and inspection;

- the growing demand for mobility products, such as tablets and smartphones, and corresponding industry investment in devices that require fewer Applied products to manufacture, such as NAND flash memory, than are needed to make devices used in other applications, such as DRAM for personal computers;
- the increasing frequency and complexity of technology transitions and inflections, such as ALD, 3-D transistors, advanced interconnect, wafer-level packaging, and extreme ultraviolet lithography (EUV);
- shorter cycle times between customers' order placement and product shipment, which may lead to inventory write-offs and manufacturing inefficiencies that decrease gross margin;
- competitive factors that make it difficult to enhance market position;
- the concentration of new wafer starts in Korea, where Applied's service penetration and service-revenue-per-wafer-start have been lower than in other regions; and
- the increasing fragmentation of semiconductor markets, leading certain markets to become too small to support the cost of a new fabrication plant, while others require less technologically advanced products.

If Applied does not successfully manage the risks resulting from the ongoing changes occurring in the semiconductor industry, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks as a result of ongoing changes specific to the solar industry.

Investment levels in capital equipment for the global solar industry have experienced considerable volatility. Current global solar PV production capacity exceeds anticipated near-term end-use demand, causing customers to significantly reduce or delay investments in manufacturing capacity and new technology, or to cease operations. In addition to the general industry changes described above in the third risk factor, the global solar market is characterized by ongoing changes specific to this industry that impact demand for and/or the profitability of Applied's solar products, including:

- the need to continually decrease the cost-per-watt of electricity produced by solar PV products to at or below grid parity by, among other things, reducing operating costs and increasing throughputs for solar PV manufacturing, and improving the conversion efficiency of solar PVs;
- the variability and uncertainty of government energy policies and their effect in influencing the rate of growth of the solar PV market, including the availability and amount of incentives for solar power such as tax credits, feed-in tariffs, rebates, renewable portfolio standards that require electricity providers to sell a targeted amount of energy from renewable sources, and goals for solar installations on government facilities;
- the number of solar PV manufacturers and increasing global production capacity for solar PVs, primarily in China;
- the filing of regulatory unfair trade proceedings against solar PVs from China, where most of Applied's solar equipment sales are concentrated, which has resulted in the assessment of duties on solar cells and modules imported from China and which could lead to further trade-related conflicts or other outcomes;
- the varying levels of operating and industry experience among solar PV manufacturers and the resulting differences in the nature and extent of customer support services requested from Applied;
- challenges associated with marketing and selling manufacturing equipment and services to a diverse and diffuse customer base;
- the growth of market segments in which Applied does not participate, such as passivation and furnaces;
- the increasing number of government-affiliated entities in China that are becoming customers;
- the cost of polysilicon and other materials; and
- the financial condition of solar PV customers and their access to affordable financing and capital.

If Applied does not successfully manage the risks resulting from the ongoing changes occurring in the solar industry, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks as a result of ongoing changes specific to the flat panel display industry.

The global flat panel display industry historically has experienced considerable volatility in capital equipment investment levels, due in part to the limited number of LCD manufacturers, the concentrated nature of LCD end-use applications, and excess production capacity relative to end-use demand. Industry growth has depended primarily on consumer demand for increasingly larger and more advanced LCD TVs, which demand is slowing, and more recently on demand for smartphones and other mobile devices, which demand is highly sensitive to cost and improvements in technologies and features. In addition to the general industry changes described above in the third risk factor, the display industry is characterized by ongoing changes particular to that industry, including:

- the timing and extent of a planned expansion of manufacturing facilities in China by Chinese display manufacturers and manufacturers from other countries, and the ability of non-Chinese manufacturers to obtain government approvals on a timely basis;
- the slowing rate of transition to larger substrate sizes for LCD TVs and the resulting effect on capital intensity in the industry and on Applied's product differentiation, gross margin and return on investment;
- the increasing importance of new types of display technologies, such as low temperature polysilicon (LTPS), organic light-emitting diode (OLED) and metal oxide, and new touch panel films, such as anti-reflective and anti-fingerprint; and
- uncertainty with respect to future LCD technology end-use applications and growth drivers.

If Applied does not successfully manage the risks resulting from the ongoing changes occurring in the display industry, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Applied must continually innovate, commercialize its products, and adapt its business and product offerings to respond to competition and rapid technological changes.

As Applied operates in a highly competitive environment in which innovation is critical, its future success depends on many factors, including the effective commercialization and customer acceptance of its equipment, services and related products. In addition, Applied must successfully execute its growth strategy, including enhancing market share in existing markets, expanding into related markets, cultivating new markets and exceeding industry growth rates, while constantly improving its operational performance. The development, introduction and support of a broadening set of products in more collaborative, geographically diverse, open and varied competitive environments have grown increasingly complex and expensive over time. Furthermore, new or improved products may entail higher costs and reduced profits. Applied's performance may be adversely affected if it does not timely, cost-effectively and successfully:

- identify and address technology inflections, market changes, new applications, customer requirements and end-use demand;
- develop new products (including disruptive technologies), improve and/or develop new applications for existing products, and adapt similar products for use by customers in different applications and/or markets with varying technical requirements;
- appropriately price and achieve market acceptance of its products;
- differentiate its products from those of competitors and any disruptive technologies, and meet customers' performance specifications;
- maintain operating flexibility to enable different responses to different markets, customers and applications;
- enhance its worldwide operations across all business segments to reduce cycle time, enable continuous quality improvement, reduce costs, and enhance design for manufacturability and serviceability;
- focus on sales and marketing strategies that foster strong customer relationships;
- allocate resources, including people and R&D funding, among Applied's products and between the development of new products and the enhancement of existing products, as most appropriate and effective for future growth;
- reduce the cost and improve the productivity of capital invested in R&D activities;
- accurately forecast demand, work with suppliers and meet production schedules for its products;
- improve its manufacturing processes and achieve cost efficiencies across product offerings;
- adapt to changes in value offered by companies in different parts of the supply chain;
- qualify products for evaluation and, in turn, volume manufacturing with its customers; and

- implement changes in its design engineering methodology, including those that enable reduction of material costs and cycle time, greater commonality of platforms and types of parts used in different systems, greater effectiveness of product life cycle management, and reduced energy usage and environmental impact.

If Applied does not successfully manage these challenges, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to risks associated with a highly concentrated customer base.

Applied's semiconductor customer base historically has been, and is becoming even more, highly concentrated as a result of economic and industry conditions. For example, in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, four semiconductor manufacturers accounted for 67 percent of Silicon Systems Group net sales and two customers accounted for 40 percent of Applied's consolidated net sales. Applied's flat panel display customer base is also highly concentrated, while concentration within Applied's solar customer base varies depending on the product line but is increasing due to challenging industry conditions. Applied's customer base in each of the Display and Energy and Environmental Solutions segments is also geographically-concentrated. In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, customers in China and Japan accounted for a total of 73 percent of net sales for the Display segment, while customers in China and Taiwan accounted for 77 percent of net sales for the Energy and Environmental Solutions segment.

In addition, certain customers have experienced significant ownership or management changes, consolidated with other manufacturers, outsourced manufacturing activities, or engaged in collaboration or cooperation arrangements with other manufacturers. In addition, customers have entered into strategic alliances or industry consortia that have increased the influence of key industry participants in technology decisions made by their partners. Also, certain customers are making an increasingly greater percentage of their respective industry's capital equipment investments. Recently, certain semiconductor customers have invested in another wafer fabrication equipment supplier to help fund research and development of 450mm and other new technologies, which may influence the timing of the wafer size and other technology transitions, as well as research and development funding allocations or other matters.

In this environment, contracts or orders from a relatively limited number of manufacturers have accounted for, and are expected to continue to account for, a substantial portion of Applied's business, which may result in added complexities in managing customer relationships and transactions and make it more challenging for Applied's business units to generate organic growth. In addition, the mix and type of customers, and sales to any single customer, may vary significantly from quarter to quarter and from year to year. If customers do not place orders, or they substantially reduce, delay or cancel orders, Applied may not be able to replace the business. As Applied's products are configured to customer specifications, changing, rescheduling or canceling orders may result in significant, non-recoverable costs. Major customers may also seek, and on occasion receive, pricing, payment, intellectual property-related, or other commercial terms that are less favorable to Applied. These factors could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Applied is exposed to the risks of operating a global business.

In the third fiscal quarter of 2012, approximately 80 percent of Applied's net sales were to customers in regions outside the United States. Moreover, China now represents the largest market for various electronic products, such as TVs, PCs, and smartphones. Certain of Applied's R&D and manufacturing facilities, as well as suppliers to Applied, are also located outside the United States, including in Singapore, Taiwan, China, Korea, Israel, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Applied is also expanding its business and operations in new countries. The global nature of Applied's business and operations, combined with the need to continually improve the Company's operating cost structure, presents challenges, including but not limited to those arising from:

- varying regional and geopolitical business conditions and demands;
- political and social attitudes, laws, rules, regulations and policies within countries that favor domestic companies over non-domestic companies, including customer- or government-supported efforts to promote the development and growth of local competitors;
- customer- or government-supported efforts to influence Applied to conduct more of its operations in a particular country, such as Korea and China;
- variations among, and changes in, local, regional, national or international laws and regulations (including intellectual property, labor, tax, and import /export laws), as well as the interpretation and application of such laws and regulations;
- global trade issues, including those related to the interpretation and application of import and export licenses, as well as international trade disputes;
- positions taken by governmental agencies regarding possible national commercial and/or security issues posed by international business operations;

- fluctuating raw material, commodity, energy and shipping costs or shipping delays;
- challenges associated with managing more geographically diverse operations and projects, which require an effective organizational structure and appropriate business processes, procedures and controls;
- a more diverse workforce with different experience levels, cultures, customs, business practices and worker expectations;
- variations in the ability to develop relationships with local customers, suppliers and governments;
- fluctuations in interest rates and currency exchange rates, including the relative strength or weakness of the U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen, euro, Taiwanese dollar, Israeli shekel or Chinese yuan;
- the need to provide sufficient levels of technical support in different locations around the world;
- political instability, natural disasters (such as earthquakes, floods or storms), pandemics, social unrest, terrorism or acts of war in locations where Applied has operations, suppliers or sales, or that may influence the value chain of the industries that Applied serves;
- the need for an effective business continuity plan if a disaster or other event occurs that could disrupt business operations;
- reliance on various information systems, data centers and software applications to conduct many aspects of the Company's business, which may be vulnerable to cyberattacks by third parties or breached due to employee error, misuse or other causes that could result in business disruptions, loss of confidential information, or other adverse consequences in the event that Applied's firewalls and security processes and practices are ineffective;
- the need to regularly reassess the size, capability and location of the Company's global infrastructure and make appropriate changes;
- cultural and language differences;
- difficulties and uncertainties associated with the entry into new countries;
- hiring and integration of an increasing number of new workers, including in countries such as India and China;
- the increasing need for the workforce to be more mobile and work in or travel to different regions;
- uncertainties with respect to economic growth rates in various countries; and
- uncertainties with respect to growth rates for the manufacture and sale of semiconductors, LCDs and solar PVs in the developing economies of certain countries.

Many of these challenges are present in China and Korea, which are experiencing significant growth of customers, suppliers and competitors to Applied. Applied further believes that China and Korea present large potential markets for its products and opportunity for growth over the long term, although at lower projected levels of profitability and margins for certain products than historically have been achieved in other regions. These challenges may materially and adversely affect Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Operating in multiple industries, and the entry into new markets and industries, entail additional challenges and obligations.

As part of its growth strategy, Applied must successfully expand into related or new markets and industries, either with its existing products or with new products developed internally or obtained through acquisitions. The entry into different markets involves additional challenges, including those arising from:

- the need to devote additional resources to develop new products for, and operate in, new markets;
- the need to develop new sales and marketing strategies, cultivate relationships with new customers and meet different customer service requirements;
- differing rates of profitability and growth among multiple businesses;
- Applied's ability to anticipate demand, capitalize on opportunities, and avoid or minimize risks;
- the complexity of managing multiple businesses with variations in production planning, execution, supply chain management and logistics;
- the adoption of new business models, business processes and systems;
- Applied's ability to rapidly expand or reduce its operations to meet increased or decreased demand, respectively, and the associated effect on working capital;

- new materials, processes and technologies;
- the need to attract, motivate and retain employees with skills and expertise in these new areas;
- new and more diverse customers and suppliers, including some with limited operating histories, uncertain and/or limited funding, evolving business models and/or locations in regions where Applied does not have, or has limited, operations;
- new or different competitors with potentially more financial or other resources, industry experience and/or established customer relationships;
- entry into new industries and countries, with differing levels of government involvement, laws and regulations, and business, employment and safety practices;
- third parties' intellectual property rights; and
- the need to comply with, or work to establish, industry standards and practices.

In addition, Applied from time to time receives funding from United States and other government agencies for certain strategic development programs to increase its R&D resources and address new market opportunities. As a condition to this government funding, Applied may be subject to certain record-keeping, audit, intellectual property rights-sharing and/or other obligations.

If Applied does not successfully manage the risks resulting from its diversification and entry into new markets and industries, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Manufacturing interruptions or delays could affect Applied's ability to meet customer demand and lead to higher costs, while the failure to estimate customer demand accurately could result in excess or obsolete inventory.

Applied's business depends on its timely supply of equipment, services and related products that meet the rapidly changing technical and volume requirements of its customers, which depends in part on the timely delivery of parts, components and subassemblies (collectively, parts) from suppliers, including contract manufacturers. Some key parts are subject to long lead-times and/or obtainable only from a single supplier or limited group of suppliers, and some sourcing or subassembly is provided by suppliers located in countries other than the countries where Applied conducts its manufacturing, including China and Korea. Cyclical industry conditions and the volatility of demand for manufacturing equipment increase capital, technical, operational and other risks for companies throughout Applied's supply chain. Further, the adverse conditions in the credit and financial markets and industry slowdowns have caused, and may continue to cause, some suppliers to scale back operations, exit businesses, merge with other companies, or file for bankruptcy protection and possibly cease operations. Applied may also experience significant interruptions of its manufacturing operations, delays in its ability to deliver products or services, increased costs or customer order cancellations as a result of:

- the failure or inability of suppliers to timely deliver sufficient quantities of quality parts on a cost-effective basis;
- volatility in the availability and cost of materials, including rare earth elements;
- difficulties or delays in obtaining required import or export approvals;
- information technology or infrastructure failures; and
- natural disasters or other events beyond Applied's control (such as earthquakes, floods or storms, regional economic downturns, pandemics, social unrest, political instability, terrorism, or acts of war).

If a supplier fails to meet Applied's requirements concerning quality, cost, socially-responsible business practices, or other performance factors, Applied may transfer its business to alternative sources, which could entail manufacturing delays, additional costs, or other difficulties. In addition, if Applied needs to rapidly increase its business and manufacturing capacity to meet increases in demand or expedited shipment schedules, this may exacerbate any interruptions in Applied's manufacturing operations and supply chain and the associated effect on Applied's working capital. Moreover, if actual demand for Applied's products is different than expected, Applied may purchase more/fewer parts than necessary or incur costs for canceling, postponing or expediting delivery of parts. If Applied purchases inventory in anticipation of customer demand that does not materialize, or if customers reduce or delay orders, Applied may incur excess inventory charges. Any or all of these factors could materially and adversely affect Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Applied is exposed to risks associated with acquisitions and strategic investments.

Applied has made, and in the future intends to make, acquisitions of or investments in companies, technologies or products in existing, related or new markets for Applied. In November 2011, Applied completed its acquisition of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. (Varian), which was the Company's largest acquisition to date. Acquisitions involve numerous risks that vary depending on the scale and nature of the acquisition, including but not limited to:

- diversion of management's attention from other operational matters;
- inability to complete acquisitions as anticipated or at all;
- requirements imposed by government regulators in connection with their review of a transaction, which may include, among other things, divestitures and/or restrictions on the conduct of Applied's existing business or the acquired business;
- ineffective integration of operations, systems, technologies, products or employees of an acquired business, which can impact the ability to realize anticipated synergies or other benefits;
- failure to commercialize purchased technologies;
- initial dependence on unfamiliar supply chains or relatively small supply partners;
- inability to capitalize on characteristics of new markets that may be significantly different from Applied's existing markets and where competitors may have stronger market positions and customer relationships;
- failure to attract, retain and motivate key employees from the acquired business;
- reductions in cash balances and/or increases in debt obligations to finance the acquisition, which reduce the availability of cash flow for general corporate or other purposes;
- exposure to new operational risks, rules, regulations, worker expectations, customs and practices to the extent acquired businesses are located in regions where Applied has not historically conducted business;
- challenges associated with managing new, more diverse and more widespread operations, projects and people;
- inability to obtain and protect intellectual property rights in key technologies;
- inadequacy or ineffectiveness of an acquired company's internal financial controls, disclosure controls and procedures, and/or environmental, health and safety, anti-corruption, human resource, or other policies or practices;
- impairment of acquired intangible assets and goodwill as a result of changing business conditions, technological advancements or worse-than-expected performance of the segment;
- the risk of litigation or claims associated with a proposed or completed transaction;
- unknown, underestimated and/or undisclosed commitments or liabilities; and
- the inappropriate scale of acquired entities' critical resources or facilities for business needs.

Applied also makes strategic investments in other companies, including companies formed as joint ventures, which may decline in value and/or not meet desired objectives. The success of these investments depends on various factors over which Applied may have limited or no control and, particularly with respect to joint ventures, requires ongoing and effective cooperation with strategic partners. The risks to Applied's strategic investment portfolio may be exacerbated by unfavorable financial market and macroeconomic conditions and, as a result, the value of the investment portfolio could be negatively impacted and lead to impairment charges. Mergers and acquisitions and strategic investments are inherently subject to significant risks. If Applied does not successfully manage the risks associated with acquisitions and strategic investments, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The ability to attract, retain and motivate key employees is vital to Applied's success.

Applied's success, competitiveness and ability to execute on its global strategies and maintain a culture of innovation depend in large part on its ability to attract, retain and motivate key employees, especially in critical positions. Achieving this objective may be difficult due to many factors, including fluctuations in global economic and industry conditions, management changes, Applied's organizational structure, competitors' hiring practices, cost reduction activities (including workforce reductions and unpaid shutdowns), availability of career development opportunities, the ability to obtain necessary authorizations for workers to provide services in non-native countries, and the effectiveness of Applied's compensation and benefit programs, including its share-based programs. If Applied does not successfully attract, retain and motivate key employees, Applied may be unable to capitalize on its opportunities and its business, financial condition and operating results may be materially and adversely affected.

Applied is exposed to various risks related to legal proceedings or claims and protection of intellectual property rights.

Applied from time to time is, and in the future may be, involved in legal proceedings or claims regarding patent infringement, intellectual property rights, antitrust, environmental regulations, securities, contracts, product performance, product liability, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, employment, workplace safety, and other matters. Applied also on occasion receives notification from customers who believe that Applied owes them indemnification or other obligations related to claims made against such customers by third parties.

In February 2010, the Seoul Prosecutor's Office for the Eastern District in Korea indicted certain employees of Applied Materials Korea (AMK), including the former head of AMK who at the time of indictment was a vice president of Applied Materials, Inc., along with employees of several other companies, alleging the improper receipt and use of confidential information of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (Samsung), a major customer. Hearings on these matters are ongoing in the Seoul Eastern District Court. Applied and Samsung entered into a settlement agreement effective as of November 1, 2010, which resolved potential civil claims related to this matter and which is separate from and does not affect the criminal proceedings.

Legal proceedings and claims, whether with or without merit, and associated internal investigations, may (1) be time-consuming and expensive to prosecute, defend or conduct; (2) divert management's attention and other Applied resources; (3) inhibit Applied's ability to sell its products; (4) result in adverse judgments for damages, injunctive relief, penalties and fines; and/or (5) negatively affect Applied's business. There can be no assurance regarding the outcome of current or future legal proceedings, claims or investigations. If Applied is not able to favorably resolve or settle legal proceedings or claims, or in the event of any adverse findings against Applied or any of its employees, Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected and Applied may suffer harm to its reputation.

In addition, Applied's success depends in significant part on the protection of its intellectual property and other rights. Infringement of Applied's rights by a third party, such as the unauthorized manufacture or sale of equipment or spare parts, could result in uncompensated lost market and revenue opportunities for Applied. Applied's intellectual property rights may not provide significant competitive advantages if they are circumvented, invalidated, rendered obsolete by the rapid pace of technological change, or if Applied does not adequately protect or assert these rights. Furthermore, the laws and practices of other countries, including China, India, Taiwan and Korea, permit the protection and enforcement of Applied's rights to varying extents, which may not be sufficient to adequately protect Applied's rights. Applied previously entered into an arrangement with one of its competitors to decrease the risk of patent infringement lawsuits in the future. There can be no assurance that the intended results of this arrangement will be achieved or that Applied will be able to adequately protect its intellectual property rights with the restrictions associated with the arrangement. If Applied is not able to favorably resolve or settle claims, obtain or enforce intellectual property rights, obtain necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms, and/or successfully prosecute or defend its intellectual property position, Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected and Applied may suffer harm to its reputation.

The failure to successfully implement and conduct outsourcing activities and other operational initiatives could adversely affect results of operations.

To better align its costs with market conditions, locate closer to customers, enhance productivity, and improve efficiencies, Applied conducts certain engineering, software development, manufacturing, sourcing and other operations in regions outside the United States, including India, Taiwan, China, and Korea. Applied has implemented a distributed manufacturing model, under which certain manufacturing and supply chain activities are conducted in various countries, including the United States, Europe, Israel, Singapore, Taiwan and other countries in Asia, and assembly of some systems is completed at customer sites. In addition, Applied outsources certain functions to third parties, including companies in the United States, India, China, Korea, Malaysia and other countries. Outsourced functions include contract manufacturing, engineering, customer support, software development, information technology support, finance and administrative activities. The expanding role of third party providers has required changes to Applied's existing operations and the adoption of new procedures and processes for retaining and managing these providers, as well as redistributing responsibilities as warranted, in order to realize the potential productivity and operational efficiencies, assure quality and continuity of supply, and protect the intellectual property of Applied and its customers, suppliers and other partners. If Applied does not accurately forecast the amount, timing and mix of demand for products, or if contract manufacturers or other outsource providers fail to perform in a timely manner or at satisfactory quality levels, Applied's ability to meet customer requirements could suffer, particularly during a market upturn.

In addition, Applied must regularly implement or update comprehensive programs and processes to better align its global organizations, including initiatives to enhance the Asia supply chain and improve back office and information technology infrastructure for more efficient transaction processing. Applied also is implementing a multi-year, company-wide program to transform certain business processes or extend established processes, including the transition to a single enterprise resource planning (ERP) software system to perform various functions. The implementation of additional functionality to the ERP system entails certain risks, including difficulties with changes in business processes that could disrupt Applied's operations, such as its ability to track orders and timely ship products, project inventory requirements, manage its supply chain and aggregate financial and operational data. During transitions Applied must continue to rely on legacy information systems, which may be costly or inefficient, while the implementation of new initiatives may not achieve the anticipated benefits and may divert management's attention from other operational activities, negatively affect employee morale, or have other unintended consequences.

If Applied does not effectively develop and implement its outsourcing and relocation strategies, if required export and other governmental approvals are not timely obtained, if Applied's third party providers do not perform as anticipated, or if there are delays or difficulties in enhancing business processes, Applied may not realize anticipated productivity improvements or cost efficiencies, and may experience operational difficulties, increased costs (including energy and transportation), manufacturing interruptions or delays, inefficiencies in the structure and/or operation of its supply chain, loss of its intellectual property rights, quality issues, reputational harm, increased product time-to-market, and/or inefficient allocation of human resources, any or all of which could materially and adversely affect Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Applied may incur impairment charges to goodwill or long-lived assets.

Applied has a significant amount of goodwill and other acquired intangible assets related to acquisitions. Goodwill and purchased intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are reviewed for impairment annually during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, and more frequently when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The review compares the fair value for each of Applied's reporting units to its associated carrying value, including goodwill. Factors that could lead to impairment of goodwill and intangible assets include adverse industry or economic trends, reduced estimates of future cash flows, declines in the market price of Applied common stock, changes in Applied's strategies or product portfolio, and restructuring activities. Applied's valuation methodology for assessing impairment requires management to make judgments and assumptions based on historical experience and projections of future operating performance. Applied may be required to record a charge to earnings during the period in which an impairment of goodwill or amortizable intangible assets is determined to exist, which could materially and adversely affect Applied's results of operations.

Changes in tax rates or tax assets and liabilities could affect results of operations.

As a global company, Applied is subject to taxation in the United States and various other countries. Significant judgment is required to determine and estimate worldwide tax liabilities. Applied's future annual and quarterly tax rates could be affected by numerous factors, including changes in the: (1) applicable tax laws; (2) amount and composition of pre-tax income in countries with differing tax rates; (3) plans of the Company to permanently reinvest certain funds held outside of the U.S.; or (4) valuation of Applied's deferred tax assets and liabilities.

To better align with the increasingly international nature of its business, Applied is transitioning certain manufacturing, supply chain, and other operations into Asia, bringing these activities closer to customers. These changes are expected to result in a reduction of future operating costs. Applied has received authorization to use tax incentives that provide that income earned in certain countries outside the U.S. will be subject to tax holidays or reduced income tax rates. To obtain the benefit of these tax provisions, Applied must meet requirements relating to various activities. Applied's ability to realize benefits from these provisions could be materially affected if, among other things, applicable requirements are not met, or if Applied incurs net losses for which it cannot claim a deduction.

In addition, Applied is subject to regular examination by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities, and from time to time initiates amendments to previously filed tax returns. Applied regularly assesses the likelihood of favorable or unfavorable outcomes resulting from these examinations and amendments to determine the adequacy of its provision for income taxes, which requires estimates and judgments. Although Applied believes its tax estimates are reasonable, there can be no assurance that the tax authorities will agree with such estimates. Applied may have to engage in litigation to achieve the results reflected in the estimates, which may be time-consuming and expensive. There can be no assurance that Applied will be successful or that any final determination will not be materially different from the treatment reflected in Applied's historical income tax provisions and accruals, which could materially and adversely affect Applied's financial condition and results of operations.

Applied is subject to risks of non-compliance with environmental and safety regulations.

Applied is subject to environmental and safety regulations in connection with its global business operations, including but not limited to: regulations related to the development, manufacture and use of its products; recycling and disposal of materials used in its products or in producing its products; the operation of its facilities; and the use of its real property. The failure or inability to comply with existing or future environmental and safety regulations, such as those related to climate change, could result in: (1) significant remediation liabilities; (2) the imposition of fines; (3) the suspension or termination of the development, manufacture, sale or use of certain of its products; (4) limitations on the operation of its facilities or ability to use its real property; and/or (5) a decrease in the value of its real property, each of which could have a material adverse effect on Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Applied is exposed to various risks related to the regulatory environment.

Applied is subject to various risks related to: (1) new, different, inconsistent or even conflicting laws, rules and regulations that may be enacted by executive order, legislative bodies and/or regulatory agencies in the countries in which Applied operates; (2) disagreements or disputes between national or regional regulatory agencies related to international trade; and (3) the interpretation and application of laws, rules and regulations. For example, as a public company with global operations, Applied is subject to the laws of multiple jurisdictions and the rules and regulations of various governing bodies, including those related to financial and other disclosures, corporate governance, privacy, and anti-corruption. Changes in laws, regulations and standards may create uncertainty regarding compliance matters. Efforts to comply with new and changing regulations have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, increased general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If Applied is found by a court or regulatory agency not to be in compliance with applicable laws, rules or regulations, Applied could be subject to legal or regulatory sanctions, the public's and customers' perception of Applied could decline, and Applied's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information as of July 29, 2012 with respect to the shares of common stock repurchased by Applied during the third quarter of fiscal 2012.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program*	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Program*
(In millions, except per share amounts)				
Month #1 (April 30, 2012 to May 27, 2012)	8.2	\$10.60	8.2	\$2,760
Month #2 (May 28, 2012 to June 24, 2012)	29.2	\$10.65	29.2	\$2,449
Month #3 (June 25, 2012 to July 29, 2012)	9.3	\$11.02	9.3	\$2,346
Total	46.7	\$10.71	46.7	

* On March 5, 2012, the Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program authorizing up to \$3.0 billion in repurchases over the next three years, ending March 2015.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Incorporated by Reference</u>			
		<u>Form</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
10.1	Amendment No. 1 and Extension Agreement, dated as of May 25, 2012, to Credit Agreement, dated as of May 25, 2011, among Applied Materials, Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent, and other lenders named therein	8-K	000-06920	10.1	5/30/2012
10.2	Offer Letter, dated June 14, 2012, between Applied Materials, Inc. and Gary E. Dickerson†				
10.3	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement for use under the Applied Materials, Inc. Employee Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated‡				
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002†				
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002†				
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002‡				
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002‡				
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document‡				
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document‡				
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document‡				
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document‡				
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document‡				
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document‡				

† Filed herewith.

‡ Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

By: _____ /s/ GEORGE S. DAVIS
George S. Davis
*Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)*

August 23, 2012

By: _____ /s/ THOMAS S. TIMKO
Thomas S. Timko
*Corporate Vice President,
Corporate Controller
and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)*

August 23, 2012

June 14, 2012

Gary Dickerson
8 Carrigan Court
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Gary:

You have been key to the successful merger of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. ("Varian") with Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied"), and we believe you will remain key to the continued success and growth of Applied. I am very pleased to extend an offer of employment (the "Offer") to you as President of Applied, as described in this letter.

I. POSITION

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this letter, your employment with Applied in your new capacity will begin on June 19, 2012, (the "Effective Date"). You will be employed as President of Applied and will report to Mike Splinter, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Applied (the "CEO"). Your primary work location will be Applied's Santa Clara, California campus.

II. COMPENSATION

A. *Base Salary*

Beginning on the Effective Date, your annual base salary in your new position will be \$750,000 per year, payable in accordance with Applied's bi-weekly payroll practices. Your salary will be subject to applicable payroll tax withholdings and deductions. Any future adjustments to your salary are subject to approval by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee (the "HRCC") of our Board of Directors.

B. *Annual Incentive Bonus*

Beginning on the Effective Date, you will participate in the Applied Incentive Plan. Your target bonus for fiscal year 2012 will be 150% of your base salary, and any actual bonus you earn for fiscal year 2012 will be pro-rated based on your service since the Effective Date. For fiscal year 2013 and later, it is expected that you instead will participate in Applied's Senior Executive Bonus Plan.

C. *Applied Equity Awards*

(i) *Performance Shares Award*

On the Effective Date, you will be granted an award of performance shares under Applied's Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the "ESIP") under which a target amount of 500,000 shares of Applied Common Stock may vest, subject to the terms and conditions of the ESIP and an award agreement based on Applied's standard form performance shares agreement. The performance shares will be subject to performance-based vesting based on the achievement of specified levels of annual, adjusted operating profit margin for Applied as compared to a group of peer companies, combined with additional time-based vesting requirements.

In order for the maximum number of performance shares to become eligible for time-based vesting, Applied's annual, adjusted relative operating profit margin for any one of the following periods must be at the 65th percentile or higher:

- (1) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2012 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2013;
- (2) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2013 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2014; or
- (3) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2014 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2015.
- (4) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2015 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2016.

If performance is achieved at that level and you remain employed through each applicable vesting date, the 500,000 performance shares will be scheduled to vest as to twenty-five percent (25%) of the award on each July 1 (beginning with July 1, 2013 and ending on July 1, 2016). If a scheduled time-based vesting date occurs before the required performance is achieved, the shares originally scheduled to vest on that time-based vesting date will instead vest on the first scheduled vesting date that occurs after the required performance is achieved. For example, if the required performance is not achieved during the periods ending in fiscal 2013 or 2014 but is achieved during the period ending in fiscal 2015, then any performance shares that otherwise would have been scheduled to vest on July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014 (had the required performance been achieved earlier), instead will vest on July 1, 2015.

In addition, you may earn up to an additional fifty percent (50%) of any earned performance shares (that is, up to an additional 250,000 shares) if Applied's total shareholder return for the two-year (eight fiscal quarter) period comprised of the 3rd fiscal quarter of Applied's fiscal year 2012 through the end of the 2nd fiscal quarter of Applied's fiscal year 2014 meets or exceeds certain levels relative to a peer group comprised of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 Technology Sector. Any such additional earned performance shares will be subject to the same time-based vesting described above. All of these terms will be detailed in the applicable award agreement and otherwise are materially the same as awards made in December 2011 to Applied's other executive officers.

The shares underlying the performance shares will be issued to you as they vest and the number of shares delivered to you will be reduced as necessary to satisfy applicable tax withholding requirements.

(ii) *Restricted Stock Award*

On the Effective Date, you will be granted a restricted stock award under the ESIP under which a total of 550,000 shares of Applied Common Stock may vest, subject to the terms and conditions of the ESIP and an award agreement based on Applied's standard form restricted stock agreement. The restricted stock will be subject to performance-based vesting, as well to additional time-based vesting requirements. In order for the restricted stock to become eligible for time-based vesting, Applied must achieve an operating profit margin of 10% for any one of the following periods:

- (1) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2012 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2013;
- (2) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2013 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2014; or
- (3) Applied's 3rd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2014 through the end of Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2015.

If performance is achieved at that level and you remain employed through each applicable vesting date, the restricted stock will be scheduled to vest as to forty percent (40%) of the shares of restricted stock on the one-year anniversary of the Effective Date, as to forty percent (40%) of the shares of restricted stock on the two-year anniversary of the Effective Date and as to twenty percent (20%) of the shares of restricted stock on the three-year anniversary of the Effective

Date. If a scheduled time-based vesting date occurs before the required performance is achieved, the shares originally scheduled to vest on that time-based vesting date will instead vest on the first scheduled vesting date that occurs after the required performance is achieved. For example, if the required performance is not achieved until the performance period ending with Applied's 2nd fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2015, then any shares of restricted stock that otherwise would have been scheduled to vest on the applicable vesting dates in 2013 and 2014 (had the required performance been achieved earlier), instead will vest on the applicable vesting date in 2015.

The restricted stock will not be subject to the acceleration of vesting provisions under Section 13.10 of the ESIP with respect to a "Change of Control" (as defined in the ESIP) that occurs on or before May 10, 2013. You will be eligible to receive dividends on the shares of restricted stock, which dividends will become payable within 30 days after the related shares vest. The number of shares issued to you will be reduced as necessary to satisfy applicable tax withholding requirements. All of these terms will be detailed in the applicable award agreement.

D. Benefits

You will be eligible to participate in the existing Varian employee benefit plans and/or Applied's generally available benefit plans at levels commensurate with those benefits provided to other Applied employees who report directly to the CEO (including medical, dental, vision and 401(k) plans), subject to eligibility requirements, any waiting periods required for administrative purposes and the requirements of such plans, all as determined by Applied. As an Applied employee, you also will continue to accrue time off under Applied's Paid Time Off (PTO) program. In addition, in connection with your relocation to California, you will be eligible for Applied's standard relocation assistance and benefits package for senior executives. Applied reserves the right to modify or terminate benefits from time to time as it deems necessary or appropriate.

III. CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENT TERMS

Applied has expressly assumed the CIC Agreement. For purposes of this letter, the "CIC Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Change in Control Agreement by and between you and Varian, dated as of October 18, 2004, and as amended on each of December 8, 2005, and December 31, 2008, and as modified by the offer letter between you and Applied dated May 2, 2011 (the "May 2011 Offer Letter"). Your CIC Agreement remains in full force and effect, except as modified by this letter.

You agree and acknowledge that any references in the CIC Agreement to the acceleration of vesting and/or exercisability of any equity award, and/or to the extension of any exercise period of any stock option, will be deemed by the parties not to relate to any Applied equity awards granted to you now or in the future. You agree and acknowledge that any obligation under the CIC Agreement to provide a Gross-Up Payment (as defined in the CIC Agreement), relates solely to the change in control of Varian that occurred in November 2011.

For the avoidance of doubt, you agree and acknowledge that if your employment terminates for any reason after May 10, 2013, you will have no rights to any severance payments or benefits to which you may be entitled under the CIC Agreement, in accordance with the terms of the CIC Agreement.

IV. SEVERANCE

If, on or after May 11, 2013, we terminate your employment for a reason other than "cause", death or disability, we will pay you a lump sum cash amount equal to 250% of your then-current annual base salary, subject to the following. In order to receive this separation pay benefit, you must sign and not revoke a release of claims, non-solicitation and non-disparagement agreement in a form supplied by Applied Materials (the "Release Agreement") and such Release Agreement must become effective no later than 60 days following of your termination of employment. You will not receive any of the separation pay benefit if the Release Agreement does not become effective by such deadline. The separation pay benefit (minus taxes and any other required withholdings), if due, will be paid on the 61st day following your termination of employment, subject to further delay pursuant to the Section 409A provisions below.

For purposes of this Article IV, "cause" means: (i) your continued willful failure to perform your duties to Applied (other than any such failure resulting from your incapacity due to physical or mental illness) after written notice thereof (specifying the particulars thereof in reasonable detail) and a reasonable opportunity to be heard and cure such failure are given to you by the Board of Directors of Applied or a committee thereof; (ii) the willful commission by you of a wrongful act that caused or was reasonably likely to cause substantial damage to Applied, or an act of fraud in the performance of your duties on behalf of Applied; (iii) your conviction for commission of a felony in connection with the performance of your duties on behalf of Applied; or (iv) the order of a federal or state regulatory authority having jurisdiction over Applied or its operations or by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the termination of your employment by Applied.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. *At Will Employment*

Your employment with Applied will be “*at will*,” meaning that it can be terminated by you or Applied at any time, without cause or advance notice. This at will employment relationship may not be modified by any oral or implied agreement and can only be modified by an express written contract for a specified term.

B. *Section 409A*

It is the intent of the parties that all severance and other payments and benefits under this letter and/or the CIC Agreement comply with Section 409A or are exempt therefrom, and any ambiguities herein will be interpreted so that such payments and benefits so comply or are exempt. For all purposes of this letter, references to your “*termination of employment*” will be deemed to refer to your “*separation from service*” within the meaning of Section 409A.

If and to the extent it is necessary to avoid subjecting you to an additional tax under Section 409A, payment of all or a portion of the amounts described in this letter and/or the CIC Agreement or otherwise will be delayed until the date that is six (6) months and one (1) day following your termination of employment. However, if you die following your termination of employment, but prior to the six (6) month anniversary of your termination of employment, then any payments delayed in accordance with the prior sentence will be payable in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable after the date of your death and any other separation pay benefits will be payable in accordance with the payment schedule applicable to each payment. In addition, each payment and benefit payable under this letter is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of the Section 409A-related Treasury Regulations. You and Applied agree to work together in good faith to consider amendments to this letter and to take reasonable actions to avoid subjecting you to an additional tax or income recognition under Section 409A prior to actual payment of the payments and benefits under this letter, as applicable. In no event will Applied reimburse you for any taxes that may be imposed on you as a result of Section 409A.

For purposes of this letter, “*Section 409A*” will mean Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations and other guidance promulgated thereunder and any applicable state law equivalent.

C. Other Employment Matters

You have previously entered into the Employee Agreement dated November 15, 2011, completed a pre-employment background screen, provided proof of your authorization to work in the United States, and entered into an Export Compliance Agreement dated November 15, 2011. Your employment is contingent upon your ability to maintain such authorizations and agreements, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

We ask that, if you have not already done so, you disclose to Applied any and all agreements relating to your prior employment that may affect your eligibility to be employed by Applied or limit the manner in which you may be employed. Unless you have informed Applied otherwise in writing, it is Applied's understanding that any such agreements will not prevent you from performing the duties of your position and you represent that such is the case. Moreover, you agree that, during the term of your employment with Applied, you will devote your full business efforts and time to Applied and you will not engage in any other employment, occupation, consulting or other business activity for any direct or indirect remuneration without the prior approval of Applied's Board of Directors nor will you engage in any other activities that conflict with your obligations to Applied. If you serve on the board of directors of any other company or entity, please provide us with a list of such companies or entities; if the list you have previously provided remains accurate, there is no need for you to provide an updated list at this time. If Applied's Board of Directors deems such companies or entities to be competitors, customers or suppliers or your service on such board to otherwise represent a conflict of interest with your obligations to Applied, you will be required to resign your directorship with such companies or entities at the request of Applied's Board of Directors. Similarly, except for confidential information belonging to Varian, you agree not to bring any third party confidential information to Applied, including that of your former employers, and that in performing your duties for Applied you will not in any way utilize any such information.

If you agree to accept the terms of this Offer please sign and return it to me or to Mary Humiston. This Offer will expire on Friday, June 15, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. This letter, including, but not limited to, its at-will employment provision, may not be modified or amended except by a written agreement signed by Applied's Chief Executive Officer or a member of Applied's Board of Directors and you. This letter will be governed by the internal substantive laws, but not the choice of law rules, of the State of California. In the event that any provision hereof becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, this letter will continue in full force and effect without such provision.

D. Entire Agreement

This letter, your CIC Agreement as modified by this letter, the Employee Agreement you previously executed, the Noncompetition Agreement between you and Applied dated May 2, 2011, and the documents incorporated herein by reference (together, the "Documents"), and set forth the terms of your employment with Applied and supersede and extinguish any prior or concurrent representations or agreements including, but not limited to, the Offer letter to you from Applied dated April 21, 2011, and, except the portions included in the Documents, the May 2011 Offer Letter, any representations made during your recruitment, interviews or pre-employment negotiations, whether written or oral. In addition, you acknowledge the Documents supersede and replace all other prior understandings and agreements, whether oral or written, regarding the terms and conditions of your employment with Varian or any of its subsidiaries, including any other agreements or understandings with regards to compensation and severance matters, acceleration of equity awards and any notice of termination. Except as evidenced by the Documents, any such commitments or promises by Varian end as of the closing of the acquisition of Varian by Applied that occurred in November 2011.

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Gary Dickerson
June 14, 2012
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We look forward to the next steps of this exciting opportunity, and your contribution to the future of Applied's success.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Splinter

Michael R. Splinter Applied Materials, Inc.

I accept the employment Offer as stated above.

Signature /s/ Gary Dickerson

Date: June 15, 2012

Start Date: June 19, 2012

Please return one signed, original copy of this letter to:

Mary Humiston
Applied Materials, Inc.
3225 Oakmead Village Drive
Santa Clara, CA 95052
Phone: 408.563.6160

Employee Name: [EMPL_NAME]
Employee ID: [EMPLID]
Grant Number: [GRANT_ID]

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT
NOTICE OF GRANT

Applied Materials, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby grants you, [EMPL_NAME] (the “Employee”), an award of Restricted Stock under the Company’s Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”). The date of this Restricted Stock Agreement (the “Agreement”) is [GRANT_DT] (the “Grant Date”). Subject to the provisions of Appendix A [and Exhibit(s) [__]] (attached), and of the Plan, the principal features of this Award are as follows:

<u>Number of Shares of Restricted Stock:</u>	[MAX_SHARES]
<u>Purchase Price per Share:</u>	[PRICE]
<u>Scheduled Vesting Dates/Period of Restriction:</u>	[VESTING SCHEDULE and/or PERFORMANCE VESTING CONDITIONS]*

* Except as otherwise provided as otherwise provided in Appendix A, the Employee will not vest in the Shares of Restricted Stock unless he is employed by the Company or one of its Affiliates through the applicable vesting date.

IMPORTANT:

Your signature below indicates your agreement and understanding that this Award is subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in Appendix A [(including exhibits thereto)] and the Plan. For example, important additional information on vesting and forfeiture of this Award is contained in paragraphs 2 through 6 and 10 of Appendix A, [as well as in [Exhibit(s) [___] to this Agreement], and in Sections 4.5 and 13.10 of the Plan (such Plan sections relating to treatment of Awards in connection with a Change of Control (as defined in the Plan)). **PLEASE READ ALL OF APPENDIX A [AND EXHIBITS A AND B], WHICH TOGETHER CONTAIN THE SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS GRANT.**

EMPLOYEE

[NAME] _____

Date: _____, 20__

Please sign this Agreement and return it to Stock Programs (see paragraph 11 of Appendix A for address). Be sure to retain a copy of your signed Agreement. You may obtain a paper copy at any time and at the Company's expense by requesting one from Stock Programs (see paragraph 11 of Appendix A).

APPENDIX A

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT

1. Grant. The Company hereby grants to the Employee the number of Shares of Restricted Stock set forth on the first page of the Notice of Grant of this Agreement, subject to all of the terms and conditions in this Agreement and the Plan. Upon this grant of Restricted Stock, the par value purchase price for each Share of Restricted Stock (a) will be deemed paid by the Employee by past services rendered by the Employee, if the Employee is an existing employee of the Company or one of its Affiliates and not a newly-hired employee, and will be subject to the appropriate tax withholdings, or (b) shall be paid to the Company by cash or check by the Employee, if the Employee is a newly-hired employee of the Company or one of its Affiliates. Only whole Shares will be issued. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

2. Shares Held in Escrow. The Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement will be issued in the name of the Employee, and unless and until such Shares have vested in the manner set forth in paragraphs 3 through 5 or paragraphs 8 or 10, the Shares will be held by the Stock Programs Department of the Company (or its designee) as escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent"), and will not be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, and will not be pledged or otherwise hypothecated. The Company may determine to issue the Shares in book entry form and/or may instruct the transfer agent for its Common Stock to place a legend on the certificate or certificates representing the Restricted Stock or otherwise note in its records as to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Agreement and the Plan. The Shares awarded by this Agreement, which may be issued in certificate or book entry form, will not be delivered by the Escrow Agent to the Employee unless and until the Shares have vested and all other terms and conditions in this Agreement have been satisfied.

3. Vesting Schedule/Period of Restriction. Except as provided in this paragraph 3, paragraphs 4, 5 and 10 of this Agreement and Sections 4.5 and 13.10 of the Plan, and subject to paragraph 6, the Shares awarded by this Agreement will vest in accordance with the vesting provisions set forth [in Exhibit [__]] [on the first page of the Notice of Grant] of this Agreement. Shares will not vest in the Employee in accordance with any of the provisions of this Agreement unless the Employee will have been continuously employed by the Company or by one of its Affiliates from the Grant Date up to and including the scheduled vesting date of the Shares of Restricted Stock.

4. Modifications to Vesting Schedule.

(a) *Vesting upon Personal Leave of Absence*. In the event that the Employee takes a personal leave of absence ("PLOA"), the Shares awarded by this Agreement that are not then vested will be modified as follows:

(i) if the duration of the Employee's PLOA is six (6) months or fewer, the vesting schedule set forth [in Exhibit [__]] [on the first page of the Notice of Grant] of this Agreement will not be affected by the Employee's PLOA.

(ii) if the duration of the Employee's PLOA is greater than six (6) months but not more than twelve (12) months, the scheduled vesting of any Shares awarded by this Agreement that are not then vested will be deferred for a period of time equal to the duration of the Employee's PLOA minus six (6) months.

(iii) if the duration of the Employee's PLOA is greater than twelve (12) months, any Shares awarded by this Agreement that are not then vested will immediately terminate.

(iv) Example 1. Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock are scheduled to vest on January 1, 2013. On May 1, 2012, Employee begins a six-month PLOA. The vesting schedule of Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock remains unchanged and will still be scheduled to vest on January 1, 2013.

(v) Example 2. Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock are scheduled to vest on January 1, 2013. On May 1, 2012, Employee begins a nine-month PLOA. Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock that are scheduled to vest after November 2, 2012 will be modified (this is the date on which the Employee's PLOA exceeds six (6) months). Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock now will be scheduled to vest on April 1, 2013 (three (3) months after the originally scheduled date).

(vi) Example 3. Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock are scheduled to vest on January 1, 2013. On May 1, 2012, Employee begins a 13-month PLOA. Employee's Shares of Restricted Stock will terminate on May 2, 2013.

In general, a "personal leave of absence" does not include any legally required leave of absence. The duration of the Employee's PLOA will be determined over a rolling twelve- (12) month measurement period. Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement that are scheduled to vest during the first six (6) months of the Employee's PLOA will continue to vest as scheduled. However, Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement that are scheduled to vest after the first six (6) months of the Employee's PLOA will be deferred or terminated depending on the length of the Employee's PLOA. The vesting schedule for the Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement will be modified as soon as the duration of the Employee's PLOA exceeds six (6) months.

(b) *Death of Employee.* In the event that the Employee incurs a Termination of Service due to his or her death, one hundred percent (100%) of the Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement will vest on the date of the Employee's death. In the event that any Applicable Law limits the Company's ability to accelerate the vesting of this award of Restricted Stock, this paragraph 4(b) will be limited to the extent required to comply with Applicable Law. If the Employee is subject to Hong Kong's ORSO provisions, this paragraph 4(b) will not apply to this award of Restricted Stock.

(c) *Change of Control.* In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the Plan), the Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement will be treated in accordance with Section 4.5 of the Plan. In addition, in the event Employee experiences a qualifying Termination of Service (as defined in the Plan) within 12 months following a Change of Control, the vesting of the Shares of Restricted Stock awarded by this Agreement may be accelerated to the extent provided under Section 13.10 of the Plan.

5. Committee Discretion. The Committee, in its discretion, may at any time accelerate the vesting of all or a portion of any Shares of Restricted Stock, subject to the terms of the Plan *[To be added for Awards intended to be performance-based compensation for Section 162(m) purposes:]*, but only with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock that are [Eligible OPM Shares], as defined in Exhibit A]. If so accelerated, such Shares of Restricted Stock will be considered as having vested as of the date specified by the Committee.

6. Forfeiture. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement and except in the event of Employee's death (see paragraph 4(b)), any Shares of Restricted Stock that have not vested pursuant to paragraphs 3 through 5 or paragraphs 8 or 10 of this Agreement or Sections 4.5 or 13.10 of the Plan at the time of the Employee's Termination of Service for any or no reason will be forfeited and automatically transferred to and reacquired by the Company at no cost to the Company. The Employee will not be entitled to a refund of the price paid for the Shares returned to the Company pursuant to this paragraph 6. The Employee hereby appoints the Escrow Agent with full power of substitution, as the Employee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with irrevocable power and authority in the name and on behalf of the Employee to take any action and execute all documents and instruments, including, without limitation, stock powers which may be necessary to transfer the certificate or certificates evidencing such unvested Shares of Restricted Stock to the Company upon such Termination of Service. *[To be included for Awards subject to performance-based vesting:]* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or this Agreement, the Board, in its sole discretion, may require the Employee to forfeit, return or reimburse the Company all or a portion of the Shares of Restricted Stock subject to this Award in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Agreement.]

7. Withholding of Taxes. When Shares are delivered upon vesting of Shares of Restricted Stock or, in the discretion of the Company, such earlier time as the Tax Obligations (defined below) are due, the Company (or the employing Affiliate) will withhold a portion of the Shares that have an aggregate market value sufficient to pay all taxes and social insurance liability and other requirements in connection with the Shares, including, without limitation, (a) all federal, state and local income, employment and any other applicable taxes that are required to be withheld by the Company or the employing Affiliate, (b) the Employee's and, to the extent required by the Company (or the employing Affiliate), the Company's (or the employing Affiliate's) fringe benefit tax liability, if any, associated with the grant, vesting, or sale of the Restricted Stock awarded and the Shares issued thereunder, and (c) all other taxes or social insurance liabilities with respect to which the Employee has agreed to bear responsibility (collectively, the "Tax Obligations"). The number of Shares withheld pursuant to the prior sentence will be rounded up to the nearest whole Share, with no refund provided in the U.S. for any value of the Shares withheld in excess of the Tax Obligations as a result of such rounding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company, in its sole discretion, may require the Employee to make alternate arrangements satisfactory to the Company for such Tax Obligations in advance of the arising of any Tax Obligations.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement, no Shares will be issued unless and until satisfactory arrangements (as determined by the Company) have been made by the Employee with respect to the payment of any Tax Obligations that the Company determines must be withheld or collected with respect to such Shares. In addition and to the maximum extent permitted by law, the

Company (or the employing Affiliate) has the right to retain without notice from salary or other amounts payable to the Employee, cash having a sufficient value to satisfy any Tax Obligations that the Company determines cannot be satisfied through the withholding of otherwise deliverable Shares or that are due prior to the issuance of Shares under the Restricted Stock award. All Tax Obligations related to the Restricted Stock award and any Shares delivered in payment thereof are the sole responsibility of the Employee. Further, the Employee shall be bound by any additional withholding requirements included in the Notice of Grant [and/or Exhibit [___]] of this Agreement.

8. Rights as Stockholder. Neither the Employee nor any person claiming under or through the Employee will have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company in respect of any Shares (or related dividends and/or distributions) deliverable hereunder unless and until certificates representing such Shares (which may be in book entry form) will have been issued, recorded on the records of the Company or its transfer agents or registrars, and delivered (including through electronic delivery to a brokerage account) to the Employee or the Escrow Agent. Except as provided in paragraph 10, after such issuance, recordation and delivery, the Employee will have all the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to voting such Shares. [Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Agreement, any quarterly or other regular, periodic dividends and/or distributions (as determined by the Company) paid on unvested Shares shall be forfeited by the Employee and automatically returned to the Company. The Company shall be entitled to receive any dividends and/or distributions on any Shares held by the Escrow Agent until such Shares have vested in the manner set forth in paragraphs 3 through 5 or paragraph 10.] OR [Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Agreement, any quarterly or other regular, periodic dividends and/or distributions (as determined by the Company) paid on unvested Shares will be subject to the same vesting and other terms and conditions of this Agreement as the Shares of Restricted Stock to which such dividends and/or distributions relate. Any dividends and/or distributions on any Shares will be held by the Escrow Agent until such dividends and/or distributions have vested in the manner set forth in paragraphs 3 through 5 or paragraph 10 and, subject to the terms of this Agreement, will be delivered within thirty (30) days of the date such dividends and/or distributions have vested.]

9. No Effect on Employment. Subject to any authorized, written employment contract with the Employee, the terms of the Employee's employment will be determined from time to time by the Company, or the Affiliate employing the Employee, as the case may be, and the Company, or the Affiliate employing the Employee, as the case may be, will have the right, which is hereby expressly reserved, to terminate or change the terms of the employment of the Employee at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without good cause. The transactions contemplated hereunder and the vesting schedule set forth [in Exhibit [___]][on the first page of the Notice of Grant] of this Agreement do not constitute an express or implied promise of continued employment for any period of time. A leave of absence or an interruption in service (including an interruption during military service) authorized or acknowledged by the Company or the Affiliate employing the Employee, as the case may be, will not be deemed a Termination of Service for the purposes of this Agreement.

10. Changes in Shares. In the event that as a result of a stock or extraordinary cash dividend, stock split, distribution, reclassification, recapitalization, combination of shares or the adjustment in capital stock of the Company or otherwise, or as a result of a merger, consolidation, spin-off or other

corporate transaction or event, the Shares of Restricted Stock will be increased, reduced or otherwise affected, and by virtue of any such event, the Employee will, as the owner of unvested Shares of Restricted Stock (the "Prior Shares"), be entitled to new or additional or different shares of stock, cash or other securities or property (other than rights or warrants to purchase securities); such new or additional or different shares, cash or securities or property will thereupon be considered to be unvested Restricted Stock and will be subject to all of the conditions and restrictions that were applicable to the Prior Shares pursuant to this Agreement and the Plan. If the Employee receives rights or warrants with respect to any Prior Shares, such rights or warrants may be held or exercised by the Employee, provided that until such exercise, any such rights or warrants, and after such exercise, any shares or other securities acquired by the exercise of such rights or warrants will be considered to be unvested Restricted Stock and will be subject to all of the conditions and restrictions which were applicable to the Prior Shares pursuant to the Plan and this Agreement. The Committee in its sole discretion [*To be included for Awards intended to be performance-based compensation for Section 162(m) purposes: (subject to paragraph 5)*] at any time may accelerate the vesting of all or any portion of such new or additional shares of stock, cash or securities, rights or warrants to purchase securities or shares or other securities acquired by the exercise of such rights or warrants [*To be included for Awards intended to be performance-based compensation for Section 162(m) purposes: ; provided, however, that the payment of such accelerated new or additional awards will be made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5*].

11. Address for Notices. Any notice to be given to the Company under the terms of this Agreement shall be addressed to the Company, in care of Stock Programs, at Applied Materials, Inc., 3225 Oakmead Village Drive, M/S 1213, P.O. Box 58039, Santa Clara, CA 95054, or at such other address as the Company may hereafter designate in writing.

12. Grant is Not Transferable. Except to the limited extent provided in this Agreement, the unvested Shares subject to this grant and the rights and privileges conferred hereby shall not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred or disposed of in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise) and shall not be subject to sale under execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to sell, pledge, transfer, assign, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of any unvested Shares subject to this grant, or any right or privilege conferred hereby, or upon any attempted sale under any execution, attachment or similar process, this grant and the rights and privileges conferred hereby immediately will become null and void.

13. Restrictions on Sale of Securities. The Employee's sale of the Shares will be subject to any market blackout period that may be imposed by the Company and must comply with the Company's insider trading policies, and all applicable securities and other laws.

14. Binding Agreement. Subject to the limitation on the transferability of this grant contained herein, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legatees, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

15. [*To be included for Awards subject to performance-based vesting: Clawback in Connection with a Material Negative Financial Restatement*]. Pursuant to the Company's clawback policy, the Board, in its sole discretion, may require the Employee to forfeit, return or reimburse the

Company all or a portion of his or her Shares subject to this Award if (i) the Employee is or was a Section 16 Person during the performance period applicable to the performance-based vesting of the Shares, and (ii) the Employee deliberately engaged in “Intentional Misconduct” (as defined below) that was determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, to be the primary cause of a material negative restatement of a Company financial statement that was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and such financial statement, as originally filed, is one of the Company’s three (3) most recently filed annual financial statements. The portion of the Shares, if any, that the Employee may be required to forfeit, return or reimburse will be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, but will be no more than the “Clawback Maximum” (as defined below).

For purposes of this Agreement, “Clawback Maximum” means the portion of the Award that was in excess of the Shares that the Employee would have received under this Award had the Company’s financial results been calculated under the restated financial statements.

To the extent Tax Obligations on such Shares were paid or due, such forfeiture, return or reimbursement shall be limited to the after-tax portion of the Clawback Maximum.

For purposes of this Agreement, “Intentional Misconduct” means the Employee’s deliberate engagement in any one or more of the following: (a) fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or any other act or acts of similar gravity resulting or intended to result directly or indirectly in substantial personal enrichment to the Employee at the expense of the Company; (b) a material violation of a federal, state or local law or regulation applicable to the Company’s business that has a significant negative effect on the Company’s financial results; or (c) a material breach of the Employee’s fiduciary duty owed to the Company that has a significant negative effect on the Company’s financial results; provided, however, that the Employee’s exercise of judgment or actions (or abstention from action), and/or decision-making will not constitute Intentional Misconduct if such judgment, action (or abstention from action) and/or decision is, in the good faith determination of the Board, reasonable based on the facts and circumstances known to the Employee at the time of such judgment, action (or abstention from action) and/or decision; and such judgment, action (or abstention from action) and/or decision is in an area or situation in which (i) discretion must be exercised by the Employee or (ii) differing views or opinions may apply.]

16. Additional Conditions to Release from Escrow. The Company will not be required to issue Shares awarded by this Agreement (in certificate or book entry form) or release such Shares from the escrow established pursuant to paragraph 2 prior to fulfillment of all of the following conditions: (a) the admission of such Shares to listing on all stock exchanges on which such class of stock is then listed; (b) the completion of any registration or other qualification of such Shares under any U.S. state or federal law or under the rulings or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental regulatory body, which the Committee, in its sole discretion, will have determined to be necessary or advisable; (c) the obtaining of any approval or other clearance from any U.S. state or federal governmental agency, which the Committee, in its sole discretion, will have determined to be necessary or advisable; and (d) the lapse of such reasonable period of time following the date of grant of the Restricted Stock as the Committee may establish from time to time for reasons of administrative convenience.

17. Plan Governs. This Agreement is subject to all the terms and provisions of the Plan. In the event of a conflict between one or more provisions of this Agreement and one or more provisions of the Plan, the provisions of the Plan will govern.

18. Committee Authority. The Committee will have the power to interpret the Plan and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan as are consistent therewith and to interpret or revoke any such rules (including, but not limited to, the determination of whether or not any Shares have vested). All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee in good faith will be final and binding upon the Employee, the Company and all other interested persons. No member of the Committee will be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made in good faith with respect to the Plan or this Agreement.

19. Captions. Captions provided herein are for convenience only and are not to serve as a basis for interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

20. Agreement Severable. In the event that any provision in this Agreement will be held invalid or unenforceable, such provision will be severable from, and such invalidity or unenforceability will not be construed to have any effect on, the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

21. Modifications to the Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties on the subjects covered. The Employee expressly warrants that he or she is not accepting this Agreement in reliance on any promises, representations, or inducements other than those contained herein. Modifications to this Agreement or the Plan can be made only in an express written contract executed by a duly authorized officer of the Company.

22. Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the Plan. By accepting this Restricted Stock award, the Employee expressly warrants that he or she has received a Restricted Stock award under the Plan, and has received, read and understood a description of the Plan. The Employee understands that the Plan is discretionary in nature and may be amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time.

23. Labor Law. By accepting this Restricted Stock award, the Employee acknowledges that: (a) the grant of this Restricted Stock is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right of the Employee to receive future grants of Restricted Stock, or benefits in lieu of Restricted Stock; (b) all determinations with respect to any future grants, including, but not limited to, when the Restricted Stock will be granted, the number of Shares subject to each Restricted Stock award, the Purchase Price per Share, and when Restricted Stock will vest, shall be at the sole discretion of the Company; (c) the Employee's participation in the Plan is voluntary; (d) the value of this Restricted Stock is an extraordinary item of compensation that is outside the scope of the Employee's employment contract, if any; (e) this Restricted Stock is not part of the Employee's normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, redundancy, end-of-service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits or similar payments; (f) the vesting of the Shares shall cease upon Termination of Service for any reason except as may otherwise be explicitly provided in the Plan or this Agreement; (g) the future value of the underlying Shares is unknown and cannot be predicted with certainty; (h) this Restricted Stock has been granted to the Employee in the Employee's status as

an employee of the Company or its Affiliates; and (i) there shall be no additional obligations for any Affiliate employing the Employee as a result of this Restricted Stock.

24. Disclosure of Employee Information. By accepting this Restricted Stock award, the Employee consents to the collection, use and transfer of personal data as described in this paragraph. The Employee understands that the Company and its Affiliates hold certain personal information about him or her, including his or her name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social security or identity number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in the Company, details of all awards of Restricted Stock or any other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in his or her favor, for the purpose of managing and administering the Plan (“Data”).

The Employee further understands that the Company and/or its Affiliates will transfer Data among themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of his or her participation in the Plan, and that the Company and/or any of its Affiliates may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting the Company in the implementation, administration and management of the Plan. The Employee understands that these recipients may be located in the European Economic Area, or elsewhere, such as in the U.S. or Asia.

The Employee authorizes the Company to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data in electronic or other form, for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing his or her participation in the Plan, including any requisite transfer of such Data to a broker or other third party with whom the Employee may elect to deposit any Shares of stock acquired from this award of Restricted Stock as may be required for the administration of the Plan and/or the subsequent holding of Shares of stock on his or her behalf. The Employee understands that he or she may, at any time, view the Data, require any necessary amendments to the Data or withdraw the consent herein in writing by contacting the Human Resources department and/or the Stock Programs Administrator for the Company and/or its applicable Affiliates. The Employee understands, however, that refusing or withdrawing the Employee’s consent may affect the Employee’s ability to participate in the Plan. For more information on the consequences of the Employee’s refusal to consent or withdrawal of consent, the Employee understands that he or she may contact the Employee’s local Human Resources representative.

25. Notice of Governing Law. This award of Restricted Stock will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, U.S.A., without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Michael R. Splinter, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Applied Materials, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 23, 2012

/s/ Michael R. Splinter

Michael R. Splinter

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, George S. Davis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Applied Materials, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 23, 2012

/s/ George S. Davis

George S. Davis

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

**APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Applied Materials, Inc. for the period ended July 29, 2012, I, Michael R. Splinter, Chief Executive Officer of Applied Materials, Inc., hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. the Form 10-Q for the period ended July 29, 2012 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. the information contained in the Form 10-Q for the period ended July 29, 2012 fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Applied Materials, Inc. for the periods presented therein.

Date: August 23, 2012

/s/ Michael R. Splinter

Michael R. Splinter
Chief Executive Officer

**APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Applied Materials, Inc. for the period ended July 29, 2012, I, George S. Davis, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Applied Materials, Inc., hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. the Form 10-Q for the period ended July 29, 2012 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. the information contained in the Form 10-Q for the period ended July 29, 2012 fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Applied Materials, Inc. for the periods presented therein.

Date: August 23, 2012

/s/ George S. Davis

George S. Davis
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer