
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 15, 2013

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-06920

(Commission File Number)

94-1655526

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3050 Bowers Avenue

P.O. Box 58039 Santa Clara, CA

(Address of principal executive
offices)

95052-8039

(Zip Code)

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

N/A

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 15, 2013, Applied Materials, Inc. (“Applied”) announced that Gary E. Dickerson, age 56, has been appointed as Applied's President and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and a member of its board of directors (the “Board”), effective September 1, 2013. Mr. Dickerson has served as Applied's President since June 2012. Mr. Dickerson was the Chief Executive Officer and a director of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. (“Varian”) from 2004 until Applied's acquisition of Varian in November 2011.

Mr. Dickerson entered into an offer letter with Applied, effective as of September 1, 2013, under which his initial base salary will be \$980,000 and his target bonus under Applied's Senior Executive Bonus Plan for Applied's fiscal year 2013 will be 175% of his base salary. Mr. Dickerson also will receive a stock option covering 1,000,000 shares of Applied's common stock under Applied's Employee Stock Incentive Plan (“ESIP”), effective September 1, 2013. The option will be scheduled to vest annually as to 25% of the shares over four years, subject to Mr. Dickerson's continued employment.

Michael R. Splinter, who has served as Applied's CEO since 2003, has agreed, effective September 1, 2013, to continue as Executive Chairman of the Board through March 31, 2015 or such other date that may be mutually agreed upon by Applied and Mr. Splinter, with duties primarily focused on providing leadership on strategic projects, industry-wide initiatives and major public policy issues, as well as continuing to support Mr. Dickerson as he assumes the role of President and CEO. During this time, Mr. Splinter will remain an employee and member of the Board, and his base salary and target bonus will remain unchanged. Under an offer letter with Applied, effective as of September 1, 2013, Mr. Splinter will remain eligible to receive the same severance payments as under his current arrangement, plus a lump sum payment equal to 18 months of COBRA coverage premiums if (1) he terminates employment on March 31, 2015 or another mutually agreed-upon employment end date, or (2) Applied terminates his employment earlier without cause (as defined in his offer letter) and not due to death or disability, or he resigns for good reason (as defined in his offer letter).

Upon Mr. Splinter's retirement (as defined under the ESIP), any time-based vesting requirements applicable to his equity awards (including awards that also have performance-based vesting requirements) will lapse fully and any equity awards with performance-based vesting requirements will remain outstanding and eligible to become earned and vested based on actual performance following completion of the applicable performance periods. In order to receive these benefits related to his equity awards, Mr. Splinter will be required to execute and not revoke a release of claims, non-disparagement and non-solicitation agreement in favor of Applied.

On August 15, 2013, Applied issued a press release announcing Mr. Dickerson's appointment as Applied's President and CEO and a member of the Board, and Mr. Splinter's appointment as Executive Chairman of the Board. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by Applied Materials, Inc. dated August 15, 2013.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Materials, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: August 15, 2013

By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins

Thomas F. Larkins

*Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary*

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NEWS RELEASE

Applied Materials Names Gary E. Dickerson as Chief Executive Officer*Michael R. Splinter to Serve as Executive Chairman*

SANTA CLARA, Calif., August 15, 2013 - Applied Materials, Inc. announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Gary E. Dickerson as president and chief executive officer (CEO) and Michael R. Splinter as executive chairman of the Board of Directors, effective September 1, 2013. Mr. Dickerson also was elected a member of the Board of Directors, effective at the same time. Mr. Dickerson is currently president of Applied Materials and succeeds Mr. Splinter who has served as the Company's CEO since 2003.

"As president, Gary has proved to be an outstanding leader and partner, focusing Applied on new strategies for profitable growth through our unmatched strength in precision materials engineering," said Mike Splinter. "I welcome him to the Board and have every confidence that his vision and personal drive will translate into remarkable success in leading Applied Materials as our next CEO."

"Today, Applied Materials enjoys a stronger foundation than ever before on which to build momentum for growth," said Gary Dickerson. "We have better and broader technology, very deep talent and the passion to drive the materials innovation that will provide the device performance and yield solutions our customers need to advance and win. Our opportunities have never been greater and I am grateful to Mike and the board for the privilege to lead Applied into a new era of growth and success."

A long-time industry leader, Gary Dickerson, 56, has a demonstrated track record of delivering growth in revenue and profits while achieving recognition for outstanding customer satisfaction and gaining market share. Mr. Dickerson served for seven years as CEO of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. until its acquisition by Applied Materials in 2011 and spent 18 years at KLA-Tencor Corporation where he held a variety of operations and product development roles before serving as president and chief operating officer. He earned a BS degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri, Rolla and an MBA from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Mike Splinter, 62, was named president and chief executive officer of Applied Materials and a member of its board of directors in 2003, and became chairman of the board in 2009. Mr. Splinter is a 40-year veteran of the semiconductor industry and has led Applied to record revenue and profits during his tenure as CEO. This fall, he will receive the Semiconductor Industry Association's 2013 Robert N. Noyce Award for his outstanding achievements and leadership in support of the semiconductor industry.

Also today, Applied Materials announced its financial results for the third quarter of FY2013 and will hold its earnings call beginning at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time today. A live webcast will be available at www.appliedmaterials.com. A replay will be available on the website beginning at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time today.

About Applied Materials

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the global leader in providing innovative equipment, services and software to enable the manufacture of advanced semiconductor, flat panel display and solar photovoltaic products. Our technologies help make innovations like smartphones, flat screen TVs and solar panels more affordable and accessible to consumers and businesses around the world. Learn more at www.appliedmaterials.com.

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