FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Instruction 1(b). |

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* READ CHARLES | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issu (Check all applicable) Director 10% Own X Officer (give title Other (spe | | | | | |
|---|---|---------|------------|---|--------------|---|--|--|--------|--------|---|--------------|---|---|--|----------|---|--|------------|--|
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2024 | | | | | | | | | belov | | J and | below) | · | |
| 3050 BOWERS AV. P.O. BOX 58039, M/S 1268 | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95052-8039 | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | ate) (Ž | (Zip) | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | nded to | | | |
| | | Table | I - No | n-Deriva | tive S | Secui | rities | Acc | uired | l, Dis | posed of | , or E | Benefic | ially | / Own | ed | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | | | /Year) Execu | | Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year) | | | | s Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | nd Securit Benefit Owned | | ties Following (I) | | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (11150. 4) | |
| Common Stock 01/01/20 | | | | | | 024 | | | | | 1,913(1) | D | \$16 | 2.07 96 | | 5,528(2) | | D | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | tion Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Expiration of | | Number | | | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents number of shares that was automatically withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- 2. Number of shares includes 14,165 restricted stock units ("RSUs) previously reported that in the future will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 3,885 RSUs are scheduled to vest in annual installments in October of 2024 and 2025, (b) 3,014 RSUs are scheduled to vest in annual installments in January of 2025 and 2026, and (c) 7,266 RSUs are scheduled to vest in quarterly installments in April of 2024 through January of 2028 (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date).

/s/ To-Anh Nguyen, Attorney-01/03/2024 in-Fact ** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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