

UNITED STATES  
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**Applied Materials, Inc.**

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**APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.**

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**Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials**

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Applied Materials, Inc. The materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.



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**Stockholder Meeting to be held on March 10, 2009**

**Proxy Materials Available**

- Notice and 2009 Proxy Statement
- 2008 Annual Report
- 2008 Form 10-K

**PROXY MATERIALS - VIEW OR RECEIVE**

You can choose to view the materials online or receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is **NO** charge for requesting a copy. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will **NOT** be forwarded to your investment advisor.

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## Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting of Stockholders  
Meeting Date: March 10, 2009  
Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m., PT  
For holders as of: January 12, 2009

### Meeting Location:

Applied Materials, Inc.  
Corporate Offices  
3050 Bowers Avenue  
Building 1  
Santa Clara, California 95054

## How To Vote



### Vote In Person

At the Meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.



### Vote By Internet

To vote *now* by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on March 9, 2009. Have this notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

**Voting items**

Election of Directors - Proposal 1

1. To elect eleven directors to serve for a one-year term and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

**The Board recommends a vote FOR each of the following nominees:**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01) Aart J. de Geus      | 07) Gerhard H. Parker   |
| 02) Stephen R. Forrest   | 08) Dennis D. Powell    |
| 03) Phillip V. Gerdine   | 09) Willem P. Roelandts |
| 04) Thomas J. Iannotti   | 10) James E. Rogers     |
| 05) Alexander A. Karsner | 11) Michael R. Splinter |
| 06) Charles Y.S. Liu     |                         |

Approval of Amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation - Proposal 2

2. To approve amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation that eliminate supermajority voting provisions.

**The Board recommends a vote FOR Proposal 2.**

Ratification of the Appointment of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Proposal 3

3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Applied Materials' independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2009.

**The Board recommends a vote FOR Proposal 3.**

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