FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Salehpour Ali (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED MATERIALS, INC. P.O. BOX 58039, 3050 BOWERS AV, M/S 1268 (Street) SANTA CLARA CA 95054 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2017 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. VP, GM New Mrkts & Service 5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | owner (specify vice |
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| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | action | ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securit | ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | ount of ties cially I Following ted action(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 12/14/ | | | | | | 2017 | | | | A | | 66,103 | (1) | A | \$0 | | 605,013 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 12/14/ | | | | | /2017 | 2017 | | | | A | | 35,861 | (2) | A | \$0 | | 640,874 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 12/14/2 | | | | | /2017 | | | | | A | | 35,861 ⁽³⁾ | | A | \$ | 676,735(4) | | 6,735(4) | D | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | e of 2. 3. Transaction Date Execution I if any | | e.g., poled n Date, | | | 5. US of De Se AC (A) Dis of | n of E Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ption | xercis on Date oay/Ye | onvertib sable and e | | | str. 3 | 8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins | (D) rect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents performance shares acquired based on achievement of specified performance goals related to performance shares previously granted. This acquisition is exempt under Rule 16b-3. The performance shares will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: 33,051 shares are scheduled to vest on December 19, 2017 and 16,526 shares are scheduled to vest on December 19 of each of 2018 and 2019 (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).
- 2. Represents performance shares that will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur on December 19, 2020, depending on the achievement of specified performance goals and continued employment through the vest date. The number of shares shown is the target amount, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 200% of the target amount, depending on the achievement of specified performance goals.
- 3. Represents restricted stock units that 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 in three equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2018, depending on the achievement of a specified performance goal and continued employment through each applicable vest date.
- 4. Number of shares includes 339,397 performance shares and restricted stock units previously reported that in the future will be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Applied Materials common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 176,505 performance shares are scheduled to vest in installments in December of 2017 through 2019, (b) 30,000 shares are scheduled to vest in October 2018, (c) 66,446 performance shares are scheduled to vest in December 2019, which number of shares is the target amount, and the actual number of shares that may vest ranges from 0% to 200% of the target amount, depending on achievement of specified performance goals, and (d) 66,446 restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in installments in December of 2017 through 2019 (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vest date).

/s/ Harpreet S. Bal, Attorney-

12/18/2017

<u>in-Fact</u>

** 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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