

**UNITED STATES  
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**Applied Materials, Inc.**

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February 28, 2007

**VIA FACSIMILE**

Institutional Shareholder Services  
U.S. Research  
2099 Gaither Road, Suite 501  
Rockville, MD 20850-4045  
Attention: Ms. Valerie Ho

**Re: Applied Materials, Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Incentive Plan**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing regarding the proposal to amend and restate the Applied Materials, Inc. Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") as described in our Proxy Statement dated February 14, 2007. Specifically, one of the proposed changes to the Plan, as set forth in Item 2 (6) of the Proxy Statement, would give Applied Materials, Inc. ("Applied") the authority to implement an award transfer program that would permit Plan participants to transfer vested stock options granted under the Plan to financial institutions or other third parties. As we discussed, this letter will confirm that if Applied implements such an award transfer program, Applied will do so only after it has submitted the principal terms and conditions of the program to stockholders for approval and such approval has been obtained.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph J. Sweeney

Joseph J. Sweeney  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary