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Applied Materials, Inc.

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**Applied Materials to hold 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on
Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 11:00 a.m. PT**

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders at its corporate offices at 3050 Bowers Avenue, Building 1, Santa Clara, California 95054 on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time (2:00 p.m. Eastern Time).

A live webcast of the Annual Meeting will be available on Applied Materials' website at: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/investors/index.html>. Replays and an audio/MP3 of the webcast will be available beginning Tuesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. PT (8:00 p.m. ET), and ending Tuesday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m. PT (8:00 p.m. ET).

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT) is the global leader in Nanomanufacturing Technology™ solutions with a broad portfolio of innovative equipment, services and software products for the fabrication of semiconductor chips, flat panels, solar photovoltaic cells, flexible electronics and energy-efficient glass. At Applied Materials, we apply Nanomanufacturing Technology to improve the way people live. Learn more at www.appliedmaterials.com.

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