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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DICKERSON GARY E</u> (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 <u>APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE [AMAT]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President and CEO |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2020 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2020 | | F | | 122,351 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$86.09 | 2,466,674 ⁽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 or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 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) | | 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) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents number of shares that were automatically withheld upon vesting of equity awards to cover tax withholding obligations in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- Number of shares includes 777,400 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, Inc. common stock upon vesting, which vesting is scheduled to occur as follows: (a) 108,054 restricted stock units are scheduled to vest in installments in December of 2021 through 2023, (b) 553,201 performance shares are scheduled to vest in installments in December of 2021 through 2023, 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 (c) 116,145 performance shares are scheduled to vest in October of 2025, 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; notwithstanding the foregoing, if Mr. Dickerson's employment is terminated without cause prior to the end of the performance period, any unvested portion of the award will vest based on achievement of specified performance goals through his last day of employment (all vesting is subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date).

/s/ To-Anh Nguyen, Attorney-in-Fact 12/22/2020

** 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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