

SAWCH WILLIAM B
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SAWCH WILLIAM B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
APPLERA CORPORATION, 301 MERRITT 7

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/25/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

(Street)
NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	01/25/2006		M		5,566	A	\$ 27.915 (1)
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	01/25/2006		D		5,566	D	\$ 27.915 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes entry for Applied Biosystems Group Series FY03-4 Performance Units.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Lists SAWCH WILLIAM B APPLERA CORPORATION and its relationship as Sr. V.P. and General Counsel.

Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for William B. Sawch 01/27/2006

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
(1) Represents settlement of Performance Units for cash as described in footnote 3 below. Price listed is the fair market value of Applera Corporation - Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock ("ABI Stock") on the settlement date.
(2) The Performance Units provide for payment upon ABI Stock attaining price targets of \$26.79 and \$32.04 per share for a specified period and are payable over a minimum of eight quarters, subject to continued employment and an aggregate program expense cap. Units are payable in cash equal to \$15.54 for each Performance Unit.

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(3) Represents the payment of 10,000 Performance Units upon attainment of the \$26.79 price target described in footnote 2 above.

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