KERR BARBARA J

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KERR BARBARA J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
APPLERA CORP - APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS GROUP, 850 LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2006	Director 10% Owner Softier (give title Other (special below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

Biosystems

01/25/2006

Group

Common Stock

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(City)	(State) (Z	Cip) Table	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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)		
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Applied	01/25/2006		M	2,783	A	\$ 27.915	9,463.5697 (2)	D			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Applied Biosystems Group Series FY03-4 Performance Units	\$ 0 (3)	01/25/2006		M		5,000 (4)	(3)	03/24/2013	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock (3)	5,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KERR BARBARA J APPLERA CORP - APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS GROUP 850 LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

Vice President-Human Resourses

Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for Barbara J.
Kerr 01/27/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 4 below. Price listed is the fair market value of Applera Corporation Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock ("ABI Stock") on the settlement date.

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- (2) Includes 76.1346 shares of ABI Stock purchased between October 2005 and December 2005 under the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.
- 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.
- (4) Represents the payment of 5,000 Performance Units upon attainment of the \$26.79 price target described in footnote 3 above. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.