APPLERA CORP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading AYERS RICHARD H Issuer Symbol APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify APPLERA CORPORATION, 301 05/04/2006 below) **MERRITT 7** 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur. coror Dispo (Instr. 3,	esed of 4 and (A) or		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 Units							14,192.44	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006		M	2,000	A	\$ 12.2939	4,600	D	
Applied Biosystems	05/04/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	68	D	\$ 29.28	4,532	D	

Group Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	17	D	\$ 29.26	4,515	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	21	D	\$ 29.25	4,494	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 29.25	4,467	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S(1)	193	D	\$ 29.24	4,274	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	37	D	\$ 29.23	4,237	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 29.22	4,210	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 29.2	4,183	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	54	D	\$ 29.19	4,129	D
Applied Biosystems Group	05/04/2006	S(1)	70	D	\$ 29.18	4,059	D

Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	80	D	\$ 29.17	3,979	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	64	D	\$ 29.16	3,915	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	43	D	\$ 29.14	3,872	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	21	D	\$ 29.12	3,851	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	112	D	\$ 29.11	3,739	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	32	D	\$ 29.1	3,707	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 29.09	3,680	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	48	D	\$ 29.05	3,632	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common	05/04/2006	S(1)	28	D	\$ 29.04	3,604	D

Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 29.03	3,577	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	37	D	\$ 29.02	3,540	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	96	D	\$ 29.01	3,444	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	54	D	\$ 29	3,390	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	27	D	\$ 28.99	3,363	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	43	D	\$ 28.98	3,320	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	70	D	\$ 28.97	3,250	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	64	D	\$ 28.96	3,186	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/04/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	54	D	\$ 28.95	3,132	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 f 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 Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	ŕ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of Sh
Applied Biosystems Group Director Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 12.2939	05/04/2006		M	2,000	10/14/1998	10/17/2006	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
AYERS RICHARD H APPLERA CORPORATION 301 MERRITT 7 NORWALK, CT 06851-1070	X						

Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard H.
Ayers

05/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Reflects sale by independent third-party administrator under the issuer's Insider Diversification Program.

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