SAWCH WILLIAM B

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

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1(b).

(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) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Cheek an applicable) | | |
| APPLERA CO | ORPORAT | TION, 301 | (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2006 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. V.P. and General Counsel | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| NORWALK, | CT 06851- | 1070 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|---|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | ed of (D) | 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 | 12/06/2006 | | Code V M | Amount 6,664 | (D) | \$ 37.515 (1) | 93,853.5942 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 12/06/2006 | | D | 6,664 | D | \$ 37.515 (1) | 87,189.5942 | D | |

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)

| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D) | rities hired (A) sposed of c. 3, 4, | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sl |
| Applied Biosystems Group Series FY02-1 Performance Units | <u>(2)</u> | 12/06/2006 | | M | | 10,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 08/16/2011 | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock (2) | 10, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| SAWCH WILLIAM B | | | Sr. V.P. and | | | | | |
| APPLERA CORPORATION | | | General | | | | | |
| 301 MERRITT 7 | | | | | | | | |
| NORWALK, CT 06851-1070 | | | Counsel | | | | | |

Signatures

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

**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 3 below. Price listed is the fair market value of Applera Corporation Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock ("ABI Stock") on the settlement date.
- The Performance Units provide for payment upon ABI Stock attaining price targets of \$30.00 and \$35.00 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 \$25.00 for each Performance Unit.

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| (3) Represents the payment of 10,000 Performance Units upon attainment of the \$35.00 price target described in footnote 2 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. |
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