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I urge you to carefully read the 2007 Proxy Statement. This year we are asking our stockholders to: elect ten directors, approve the amended and restated Employee Stock Incentive Plan, approve the amended and restated Employees' Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), approve the amended and restated Senior Executive Bonus Plan, and ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Applied's independent registered public accounting firm for FY 07.

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