

APPLERA CORP
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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 *
WINGER DENNIS L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

APPLERA CORPORATION, 301 MERRITT 7

(Street)

NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 05/04/2006 | | M | | 21,666 | A | \$ 15.54 |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 754 | D | \$ 29.28 |
| Applied Biosystems | 05/04/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 174 | D | \$ 29.26 |

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|---|------------|------------------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|---|--|
| Group Common Stock | | | | | | | | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 232 | D | \$ 29.25 | 54,667.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.25 | 54,377.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,088 | D | \$ 29.24 | 52,289.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 406 | D | \$ 29.23 | 51,883.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.22 | 51,593.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.2 | 51,303.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 580 | D | \$ 29.19 | 50,723.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 754 | D | \$ 29.18 | 49,969.2555 | D | |
| Applied Biosystems Group | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 870 | D | \$ 29.17 | 49,099.2555 | D | |

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|---|------------|------------------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 696 | D | \$ 29.16 | 48,403.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 464 | D | \$ 29.14 | 47,939.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 232 | D | \$ 29.12 | 47,707.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,218 | D | \$ 29.11 | 46,489.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 348 | D | \$ 29.1 | 46,141.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.09 | 45,851.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 525 | D | \$ 29.05 | 45,326.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.04 | 45,036.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common | 05/04/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 290 | D | \$ 29.03 | 44,746.2555 | D |

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|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|
| Stock | | | | | | | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 406 | D | \$ 29.02 | 44,340.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 1,044 | D | \$ 29.01 | 43,296.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 580 | D | \$ 29 | 42,716.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 290 | D | \$ 28.99 | 42,426.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 464 | D | \$ 28.98 | 41,962.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 754 | D | \$ 28.97 | 41,208.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 696 | D | \$ 28.96 | 40,512.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 580 | D | \$ 28.95 | 39,932.2555 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 1,885 | D | \$ 28.94 | 38,047.2555 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | \$ 15.54 | 05/04/2006 | | M | 21,666 | (2) 03/24/2013 | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WINGER DENNIS L APPLERA CORPORATION 301 MERRITT 7 NORWALK, CT 06851-1070 | | | Senior Vice President and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for Dennis L. Winger 05/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(2) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing March 24, 2004. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options are subject to a

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restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that will remain in effect until the earlier of the original vesting date of those options or termination of the reporting person's employment with the issuer.

Remarks:

This is the first of two forms being filed by the reporting person on May 8, 2006.

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