

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 *
SAWCH WILLIAM B

(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)
02/28/2006

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)

Sr. V.P. and General Counsel

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 or Price | | |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | M | | 40,000 A \$ 12.4357 | 116,533.9709 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | F | | 3,913 D \$ 28.499 | 112,620.9709 | D |
| Applied Biosystems | 02/28/2006 | | S | | 21,100 D \$ 28.1782 | 91,520.9709 | D |

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|--|------------|--|---|--------|---|-----------|---------------------------|---|
| Group Common Stock | | | | | | | | |
| Celera Genomics Group Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 5.0697 | <u>28,546.0809</u> (1) | D |
| Celera Genomics Group Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | F | 968 | D | \$ 11.73 | <u>27,578.0809</u> (1) | D |
| Celera Genomics Group Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | S | 5,222 | D | \$ 11.8 | <u>22,356.0809</u> (1) | 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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy | \$ 12.4357 | 02/28/2006 | | M | 40,000 | 04/25/1998 04/25/2006 | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock |
| Celera Genomics | \$ 5.0697 | 02/28/2006 | | M | 10,000 | 04/25/1998 04/25/2006 | Celera Genomics |

Employee
 Stock
 Options-Right
 to Buy

Group
 Common
 Stock

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for William B. Sawch 03/02/2006

**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) Includes 1,067.0358 shares of Celera Genomics Group Common Stock purchased in March and June, 2005, under the Company's employee stock purchase plan.

Remarks:

Transactions reported herein relate to the exercise of options expiring in April, 2006.

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