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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Applied	Code	Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/17/2008		M	2,875	A	\$ 15.54	14,824	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	11/17/2008		M	5,000	A	\$ 15.54	19,824	D	
	11/17/2008		M	7,500	A	\$ 20.185	27,324	D	

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Applicable Line)

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Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Applied Biosystems Group 11/17/2008 M 45,000 A \$ 21.475 72,324 D Common Stock Applied Biosystems S 29.2975 28,501 D Group 11/17/2008 43,823 D (1) Common Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securit	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 15.54	11/17/2008		M	2,875	(2)	03/24/2013	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	2
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Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 20.185	11/17/2008	M	7,500	<u>(4)</u>	06/17/2014	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	
Applied Biosystems Group Employee Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 21.475	11/17/2008	M	45,000	<u>(5)</u>	06/02/2015	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	4

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<u>.</u>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Stevenson Mark						
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.			President			
850 LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE			and COO			
FOSTER CITY, CA 94404						

## **Signatures**

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for Mark 11/19/2008 Stevenson

> **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).
- The price reported is the weighted average sale price in open market transactions at prices ranging from \$29.25 to \$29.3750. The (1) reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 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 were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares until March 24, 2007.
  - These options originally became exercisable on or after the earlier of (a) March 24, 2008 or (b) two years after certain stock price targets were attained. The vesting of these options was accelerated effective June 2, 2005. However, shares received upon the exercise of
- (3) accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that was to 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.
- (4) These options originally became exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing June 17, 2005. Effective January 20, 2005, the vesting of all of these options was accelerated. However, shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition) that remained in effect for some of the shares

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until June 17, 2008.

These options were fully vested and exercisable as of the grant date, June 2, 2005. However, shares acquired upon the exercise of these options were subject to a restriction on transfer (covering sales, gifts, pledges, and any other method of disposition). The transfer

(5) restriction was scheduled to lapse on 25% of the shares covered by the grant on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date. Also, the transfer restriction would have lapsed in full upon termination of employment for any reason. However, all remaining restrictions were terminated on November 12, 2008.

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