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APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 28, 2005

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| OHIO<br>-----                                                     | 1-2299<br>-----             | 34-0117420<br>-----                     |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation or Organization) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

One Applied Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
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(Address of Principal Executive Officers) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (216) 426-4000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

L. Thomas Hiltz, a director of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. ("Applied"), entered into a Pre-Programmed Executive Stock Sale Plan on behalf of H.C.S. Foundation, of which Mr. Hiltz is one of five trustees, with Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated effective January 28, 2005, pursuant to SEC Rule 10b5-1, to sell up to 232,875 shares of Applied common stock held by H. C. S.

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Foundation. The trustees, including Mr. Hiltz, have disclaimed beneficial ownership of the shares.

A copy of the stock sale plan is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Form.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

#### (c) Exhibits.

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| Exhibit No. 99 | Pre-Programmed Executive Stock Sale Plan entered into as of January 28, 2005 between H. C. S. Foundation and Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated |
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SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Fred D. Bauer

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Fred D. Bauer  
Vice President-General Counsel  
& Secretary

Date: January 31, 2005

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