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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Bitzer John III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

APPLIED DNA SCIENCES INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[APDN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

X Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 50 HEALTH SCIENCES DRIVE

03/15/2018

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

STONY BROOK, NY 11790

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of			(
				Code V	(A)	(D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.57	03/15/2018		A	63,919	<u>(1)</u>	03/14/2028	Common Stock	63,919
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.57	03/15/2018		A	7,204	(2)	03/14/2023	Common Stock	7,204

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Bitzer John III 50 HEALTH SCIENCES DRIVE STONY BROOK, NY 11790	X					

# **Signatures**

/s/ Beth Jantzen
Attorney-in-Fact
03/19/2018

\*\*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) These options vest in full and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to continued board membership through such date.
- (2) These options vest immediately upon date of grant.

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