

AYERS RICHARD H  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
AYERS RICHARD H

(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)  
05/03/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units |                                      |  |                                |   | 14,192.44   | D  |   |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock       | 05/03/2006                           |  | M                              | 2,000 A \$ 12.2939  | 4,600   | D  |   |
| Applied Biosystems                          | 05/03/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5 D \$ 29.18  | 4,595   | D  |   |

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|   |            |                        |    |   |          |       |   |
|---|------------|------------------------|----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Group<br>Common<br>Stock                          |            |                        |    |   |          |       |   |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 48 | D | \$ 29.06 | 4,547 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 21 | D | \$ 29.05 | 4,526 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 43 | D | \$ 29.04 | 4,483 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 21 | D | \$ 29.03 | 4,462 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 22 | D | \$ 29.01 | 4,440 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 80 | D | \$ 29    | 4,360 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 27 | D | \$ 28.99 | 4,333 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 21 | D | \$ 28.98 | 4,312 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group                    | 05/03/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 22 | D | \$ 28.97 | 4,290 | D |

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|---|------------|------------------|----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common<br>Stock                                   |            |                  |    |   |          |       |   |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 21 | D | \$ 28.95 | 4,269 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 43 | D | \$ 28.94 | 4,226 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 21 | D | \$ 28.91 | 4,205 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 75 | D | \$ 28.89 | 4,130 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 32 | D | \$ 28.88 | 4,098 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 70 | D | \$ 28.86 | 4,028 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 21 | D | \$ 28.85 | 4,007 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 59 | D | \$ 28.84 | 3,948 | D |
| Applied<br>Biosystems<br>Group<br>Common          | 05/03/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 48 | D | \$ 28.83 | 3,900 | D |

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|                                       |            |             |    |   |          |       |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----|---|----------|-------|---|
| Stock                                 |            |             |    |   |          |       |   |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 48 | D | \$ 28.82 | 3,852 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 11 | D | \$ 28.81 | 3,841 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 38 | D | \$ 28.8  | 3,803 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 43 | D | \$ 28.79 | 3,760 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 43 | D | \$ 28.78 | 3,717 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 43 | D | \$ 28.77 | 3,674 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 65 | D | \$ 28.75 | 3,609 | D |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 54 | D | \$ 28.72 | 3,555 | 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 (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 Director Stock Options-Right to Buy | \$ 12.2939   | 05/03/2006                           |  | M                              | 2,000  | 10/14/1998 10/17/2006                                    | Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AYERS RICHARD H<br>APPLERA CORPORATION<br>301 MERRITT 7<br>NORWALK, CT 06851-1070 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard H. Ayers  
Date: 05/05/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

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

### Remarks:

This is the first of two forms being filed by the reporting person on May 5, 2006.

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