

AYERS RICHARD H  
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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)  
02/01/2008

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)
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units					14,321.75 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008		M	500 A	\$ 16.2216	11,375	D
Applied Biosystems	02/01/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>	2 D	\$ 31.84	11,373	D

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Group Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3	D	\$ 31.82	11,370	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.81	11,369	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.79	11,368	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3	D	\$ 31.78	11,365	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.77	11,364	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	5	D	\$ 31.76	11,359	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	6	D	\$ 31.75	11,353	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	5	D	\$ 31.73	11,348	D
Applied Biosystems Group	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.7	11,347	D

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Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	3	D	\$ 31.69	11,344	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	5	D	\$ 31.68	11,339	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	5	D	\$ 31.67	11,334	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1	D	\$ 31.66	11,333	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	4	D	\$ 31.65	11,329	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1	D	\$ 31.64	11,328	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	4	D	\$ 31.63	11,324	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	14	D	\$ 31.61	11,310	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common	02/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	5	D	\$ 31.6	11,305	D

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Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	8	D	\$ 31.59	11,297	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.58	11,296	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.57	11,295	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3	D	\$ 31.56	11,292	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	13	D	\$ 31.55	11,279	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	5	D	\$ 31.54	11,274	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1	D	\$ 31.53	11,273	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	11	D	\$ 31.52	11,262	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	02/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3	D	\$ 31.51	11,259	D

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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)
Applied Biosystems Group Director Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 16.2216	02/01/2008		M	500	10/18/2000 10/15/2008	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock
Celera Group Director Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 6.6132	02/01/2008		M	500	10/18/2000 10/15/2008	Celera Group Common Stock
Celera Group Director Stock Options-Right to Buy	\$ 8.56	02/01/2008		M	2,210	07/01/2002 01/21/2009	Celera Group Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard H.  
Ayers

02/05/2008

\_\_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 17.86 Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units acquired in January 2008 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's director stock purchase plan.
  - (2) Reflects sale by independent third-party administrator under the issuer's Insider Diversification Program.

### Remarks:

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