

KERR BARBARA J  
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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 \*  
KERR BARBARA J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

APPLERA CORP - APPLIED  
BIOSYSTEMS GROUP, 850  
LINCOLN CENTRE DRIVE

(Street)

FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
APPLERA CORP [ABI/CRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2006

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)  
Vice President-Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	01/25/2006		M		2,783	A	\$ 27.915 (1)
							9,463.5697 (2)
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	01/25/2006		D		2,783	D	\$ 27.915 (1)
							6,680.5697 (2)



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- (2) Includes 76,134 shares of ABI Stock purchased between October 2005 and December 2005 under the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

The Performance Units provide for payment upon ABI Stock attaining price targets of \$26.79 and \$32.04 per share for a specified period

(3) and are payable over a minimum of eight quarters, subject to continued employment and an aggregate program expense cap. Units are payable in cash equal to \$15.54 for each Performance Unit.

- (4) Represents the payment of 5,000 Performance Units upon attainment of the \$26.79 price target described in footnote 3 above.

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