

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

APPLERA CORPORATION, 301 MERRITT 7

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock Units					14,340.08 (1)	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008		M	2,000 A \$ 16.2216	13,307	D	
Applied Biosystems	05/01/2008		S(2)	99 D \$ 33.03	13,208	D	

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Group Common Stock							
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	49	D	\$ 32.99	13,159	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	198	D	\$ 32.96	12,961	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	198	D	\$ 32.93	12,763	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	148	D	\$ 32.9	12,615	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	99	D	\$ 32.81	12,516	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	98	D	\$ 32.8	12,418	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	99	D	\$ 32.77	12,319	D
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	296	D	\$ 32.76	12,023	D
Applied Biosystems Group	05/01/2008	<u>S<sup>(2)</sup></u>	50	D	\$ 32.75	11,973	D

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Common Stock								
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	99	D	\$ 32.69	11,874	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	99	D	\$ 32.65	11,775	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	98	D	\$ 32.63	11,677	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	99	D	\$ 32.62	11,578	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	99	D	\$ 32.56	11,479	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	172	D	\$ 32.16	11,307	D	
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock						23,824	I	By Suzanne L. Ayers Living Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Celera Group Common Stock Units						3,386.2	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	M	500	A	\$ 6.6132	5,023	D	
	05/01/2008	M	10,339	A	\$ 8.56	15,362	D	

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Celera Group Common Stock								
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 13.6	14,162	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 13.58	13,762	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 13.52	13,162	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 13.51	12,962	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 13.5	12,462	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 13.49	10,962	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	800	D	\$ 13.48	10,162	D	
Celera Group Common Stock	05/01/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 13.45	9,762	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)



**Remarks:**

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