

WINGER DENNIS L  
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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 \*  
WINGER DENNIS L

(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)  
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)  
Senior Vice President and CFO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock	01/25/2006		M		5,566 A \$ 27.915 (1)	D	
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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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Applied Biosystems Group Series FY03-4 Performance Units	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/25/2006		M	10,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup> 03/24/2013	Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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Senior Vice President and CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-In-Fact for Dennis L. Winger

01/27/2006

       \*\*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) Represents settlement of Performance Units for cash as described in footnote 3 below. Price listed is the fair market value of Applera Corporation - Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock ("ABI Stock") on the settlement date.

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

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(3) Represents the payment of 10,000 Performance Units upon attainment of the \$26.79 price target described in footnote 2 above.

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