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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on March 10, 2016.

APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

3225 OAKMEAD VILLAGE DRIVE

P.O. BOX 58039, M/S 1241

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting of Stockholders

For holders as of: January 14, 2016

Date: March 10, 2016 Time: 11:00 a.m., Pacific Time

Location: Applied Materials, Inc.

Corporate Offices

3050 Bowers Avenue

Building I

Santa Clara, California 95054

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Applied Materials, Inc.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to V	VIEW or	RECEIVE:
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PROXY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com

2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639

3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before February 25, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

^{*} If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Vote In Person: At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now over the Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. You may vote over the Internet up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Telephone: You can vote by telephone by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card containing a toll-free telephone number.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote \underline{FOR} all of

the nominees listed below and \underline{FOR} proposals 2 and 3:

- 1. Election of Directors
- Nominees:
- 1a. Willem P. Roelandts
- 1b. Xun (Eric) Chen
- 1c. Aart J. de Geus
- 1d. Gary E. Dickerson
- 1e. Stephen R. Forrest
- 1f. Thomas J. Iannotti
- 1g. Susan M. James
- 1h. Alexander A. Karsner

- 2. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation
 - of Applied Materials named executive officers.
- Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as
 Applied Materials independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote <u>AGAINST</u> proposal 4:

 Stockholder proposal titled Shareholder Proxy Access.

NOTE: The proposals to be voted on may also include such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

- 1i. Adrianna C. Ma
- 1j. Dennis D. Powell
- 1k. Robert H. Swan