

APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
WHITE TONY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.  
[ABI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC., 301 MERRITT 7

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/21/2008

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

(Street)  
NORWALK, CT 06851-1070

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

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
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Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock

08/21/2008

A 33,900 A \$ 0

586,624.6816  
(1) (2)

D

Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock

75,000

I

By  
Elizabeth Ann White Business Interests, LLLP (3)

|                                       |                        |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 29,700                 | I | By Tony Lee White 2006 Two Year Grantor Retained Annuity Trust <sup>(4)</sup> |
| Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock | 161,760 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By Tony Lee White 2007 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust <sup>(5)</sup>          |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| WHITE TONY L<br>APPLIED BIOSYSTEMS INC.<br>301 MERRITT 7<br>NORWALK, CT 06851-1070 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas P. Livingston, Attorney-in-Fact for Tony L.  
White

08/22/2008

\_\_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 359,347.3 shares of Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock ("ABI stock") purchased in March 2008 under the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.  
Reflects the distribution of 105,240 shares of ABI stock by the Tony Lee White 2007 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (the "2007 GRAT") to the reporting person on August 6, 2008. The reporting person previously reported these shares as held indirectly through the 2007 GRAT.
- (3) Elizabeth Ann White Business Interests, LLLP, is a family limited partnership (the "FLP"). The reporting person's adult daughter is the sole general partner of the FLP, and the reporting person's wife and a grantor retained annuity trust established by the reporting person are currently the sole limited partners of the FLP.
- (4) The reporting person's wife is the sole trustee of the Tony Lee White 2006 Two Year Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.
- (5) The reporting person's wife is the sole trustee of the 2007 GRAT.

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