APPLIED MATERIALS INC /DE Form 8-K November 07, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2011

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-06920 (Commission 94-1655526 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3050 Bowers Avenue

P.O. Box 58039

Santa Clara, CA 95052-8039 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 727-5555

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 7, 2011, Applied Materials, Inc. (Applied) issued a press release announcing that it has received notice from the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) that MOFCOM has approved Applied s proposed acquisition of Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 3, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by Applied on November 7, 2011.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: November 7, 2011

By: /s/ Joseph J. Sweeney

Joseph J. Sweeney

Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued by Applied Materials, Inc. dated November 7, 2011.