

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PURSER BILL L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC [AIT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE APPLIED PLAZA  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/14/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & COO

CLEVELAND, OH 441155056  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 (A) or Price (D)                                                                       |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 10,000<br><u>(1)</u>                                                                          | A                                                        | \$ 7.922 87,531 D                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 900 <u>(1)</u>                                                                                | D                                                        | \$ 27.67 86,631 D                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 5,200<br><u>(1)</u>                                                                           | D                                                        | \$ 27.7 81,431 D                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 900 <u>(1)</u>                                                                                | D                                                        | \$ 27.71 80,531 D                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 600 <u>(1)</u>                                                                                | D                                                        | \$ 27.73 79,931 D                                     |

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|              |            |   |                      |   |          |        |   |                            |
|--------------|------------|---|----------------------|---|----------|--------|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 400 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D | \$ 27.74 | 79,531 | D |                            |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 600 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D | \$ 27.75 | 78,931 | D |                            |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 1,100 <sup>(1)</sup> | D | \$ 27.76 | 77,831 | D |                            |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 300 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D | \$ 27.8  | 77,531 | D |                            |
| Common Stock |            |   |                      |   |          | 43,452 | I | Deferred Compensation Plan |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 7.922                                               | 12/14/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 10,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                   | 08/09/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/09/2011                     | Common Stock                                                | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| PURSER BILL L<br>ONE APPLIED PLAZA<br>CLEVELAND, OH 441155056 |               |           | President & COO |       |

## Signatures

By: Dianne Misenko/POA for Bill L.

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12/18/2006

\_\_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) Option exercise and sale of shares pursuant to a trading plan (pursuant to SEC Rule 10b5-1) entered into as of 11/10/06.

(2) These options become exercisable in annual increments of 25% commencing one year after the date of grant.

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