

APPLERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 28, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**July 28, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-4389**

(Commission  
File No.)

**301 Merritt 7**

**Norwalk, Connecticut 06851**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**06-1534213**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**(203) 840-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release issued July 28, 2004, with respect to financial results for Applera Corporation and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group.

99.2 Press Release issued July 28, 2004, with respect to financial results for Applera Corporation and Applera's Celera Genomics Group.

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On July 28, 2004, Applera Corporation ("Applera") announced financial results for Applera and its business units for the fourth quarter of its 2004 fiscal year and for its full 2004 fiscal year. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on July 28, 2004, with respect to financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2004 and the full 2004 fiscal year of Applera and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group, and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on July 28, 2004, with respect to financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2004 and the full 2004 fiscal year of Applera and Applera's Celera Genomics Group.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

**APPLERA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Dennis L. Winger

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Dennis L. Winger  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 28, 2004

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